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Once a virtual paradise, the planet **Mobius** was enslaved when conquered by the techno-evil of **Doctor Robotnik**. In the aftermath, a courageous group of "Freedom Fighters" has risen to restore the order and beauty that was once theirs. The greatest among them is the fastest and way-coolest dude on two feet...
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

Mobotropolis is a busy place. No one realizes this more than its **new citizens**, who for the past few weeks have been making a **concentrated effort** to restore the city to its former glory. But the ruthless Robotnik had taken certain measures to insure that his wicked presence would still be felt even if he himself were vanquished - **polluted** rivers with vile toxins, fresh air **choked** with unbreathable fumes and stainless steel substituting for life-sustaining soil. The only possible means of reversing the **horrid** effects would be to shut down the factories while collecting and storing all of Robotnik's equipment and technology in one place. Simple, right? No sweat for Sonic and the gang, eh? Well, that's the easy part -

- for against them is a new enemy no one was prepared for... **politics!**

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KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

FOR YEARS, IT SERVED AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF PLANET MOBIUS--

--AND ALSO AS A HOME. BUT WITH THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATION OF THE EVIL TECHNO-TYRANT DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK, THE REBELS HAVE RETURNED TO MOBOTROPOLIS--

--THE CITY FROM WHICH THEY WERE CAST OUT SO LONG AGO.

AND WHAT OF KNOTHOLE?

SINCE IT'S JAWNT INTO ITS OWN TEMPORAL ZONE THREE HOURS INTO THE FUTURE*, THE VILLAGERS ARE NO LONGER COMFORTABLE LIVING THERE. WHY?

* It happened in SONIC #50 -- JFG

FOR ONE THING, AS YOU MOVE TOWARDS THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE VILLAGE, AN INVISIBLE BARRIER KEEPS YOU FROM THE REST OF MOBIUS ON ALL SIDES.

ANOTHER IS, THE ONLY WAY IN OR OUT OF KNOTHOLE'S TEMPORAL ZONE IS THROUGH THE GREAT OAK SLIDE. IT MAKES TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH, ESPECIALLY WITH SUPPLIES, THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

NOW SOME SAY IT'S A GHOST TOWN, BUT THEY'RE WRONG.

THERE IS ONE FORMER MEMBER OF THE RESISTANCE WHO STILL EMBRACES ITS FAMILIAR FOREST SURROUNDINGS--

--ONE WHO HAS BECOME SO ACCUSTOMED TO THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR, THAT LEAVING HIS CITY BEHIND WAS THE ONLY REAL ALTERNATIVE. BUT--

-- MAY SOON
FIND OUT HE'S
ONLY --

■ RUNNING → P STAND STILL

HOLY SWISS
CHEESE UNCLE CHUCK!
YOUR INSTRUMENTS
ARE GOING --

YES, I
KNOW, TAILS --
HAYWIRE!

YEAH...
COOL!

IT'S WORSE
THAN THAT, MY
YOUTHFUL
FRIEND --

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IT APPEARS
MY DEVICE IS
DONE FOR!

SONIC, HOW ARE
WE SUPPOSED TO
DETERMINE YOUR
MAXIMUM SPEED
IF YOU ACCELERATE
TOO QUICKLY?
YOU KNOW IT WRECKS
THE EQUIPMENT
EVERY TIME!

WHAT IN THE
WORLD ARE YOU
ARE YOU REBELLING
AGAINST?

WHADDAYA
GOT?

BOY...

...TALK ABOUT
ATTITUDE!

CERTAINLY
NOT GRATITUDE!
Hrrmmph!

"YOU WOULD THINK
THAT LEAVING THE
BIG CITY WOULD
ENABLE MY NEPHEW
TO UNWIND!"

FELLOW MOBIANS!
LOYAL CITIZENS! I'M GLAD
TO SEE ALL OF YOU GATHERED
HERE TODAY!

"AFTER ALL, ISN'T
THAT THE REASON
WHY HE CAME
BACK HERE?"

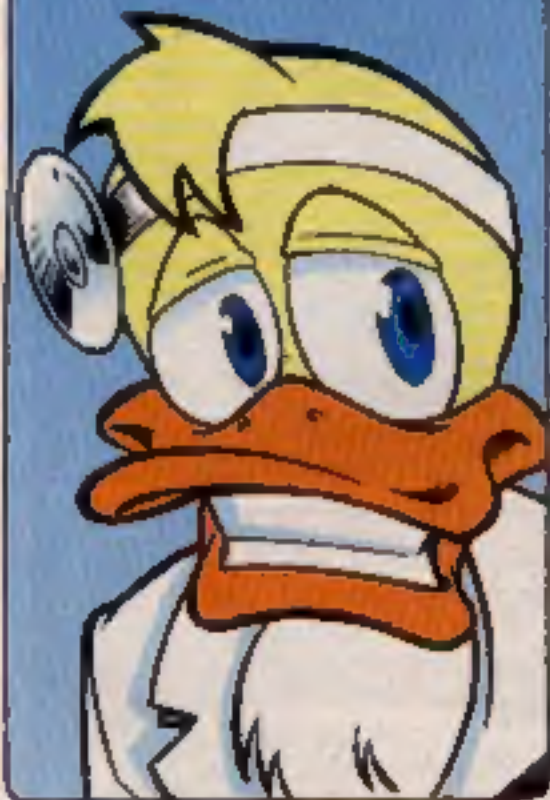
"HEAR ME AND KNOW THAT
THIS DAY WOULDN'T BE
POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR
COURAGE AND HEROISM!"

SURE, THERE WERE
TIMES WHEN WE WERE
FRIGHTENED...

"...UNCERTAIN WHETHER
ROBOTNIK WOULD CLOSE
HIS FIST ABOUT US IN AN
IRON GRIP TO SQUEEZE
THE VERY HUMANITY OUT
OF OUR SOULS!

YES, THEY WERE
CHAOTIC TIMES, BUT
NOW IT IS TIME TO
ESTABLISH
ORDER!

I GIVE YOU DOCTOR QUACK —
OUR ROYAL PHYSICIAN —
WHOSE HEALING SKILLS WILL
HELP PUT OUR KINGDOM ON THE
ROAD TO RECOVERY...



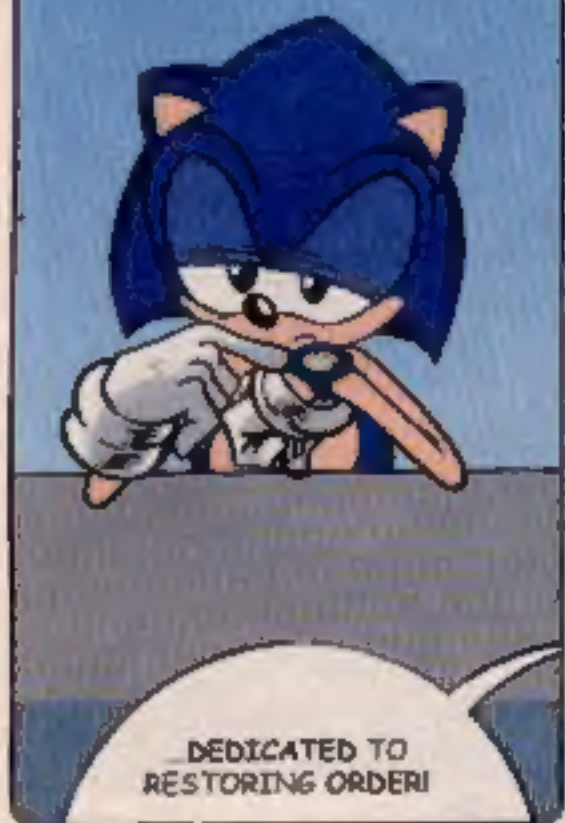
... ROTOR — WHOSE
TECHNOLOGICAL TALENTS CAN
TURN ROBOTNIK'S WEAPONS
OF WAR INTO ENGINES
OF PROGRESS...



... GEOFFREY ST. JOHN —
WHOSE OWN SENSE OF
JUSTICE WILL SET THE
STANDARD FOR THAT OF THE
ENTIRE STATE...



... AND SONIC — WHOSE SPEED
AND POPULARITY WILL ROUND
OUT THE MEMBERSHIP OF A NEW
COUNCIL...



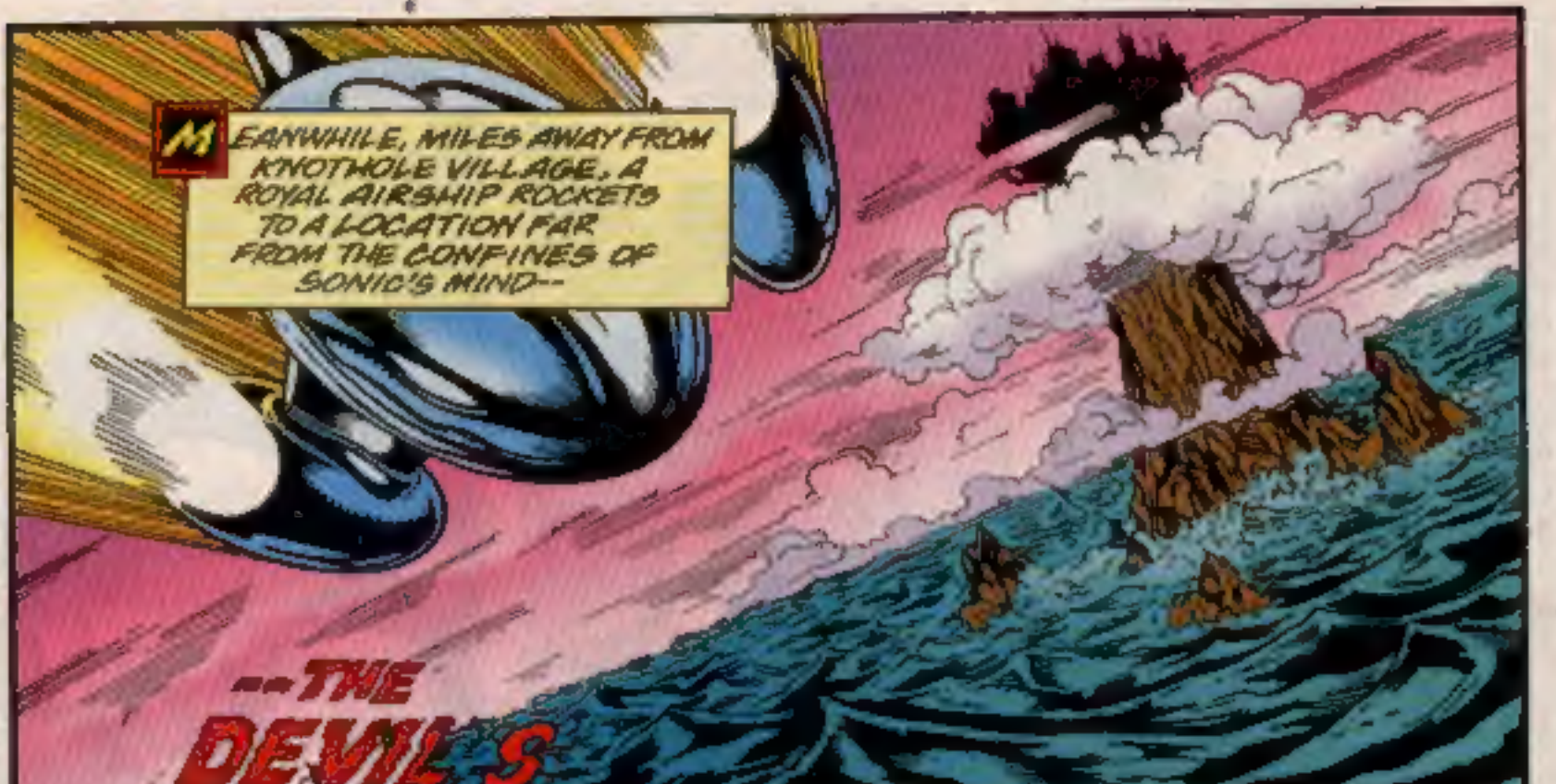
DEDICATED TO
RESTORING ORDER!

**HIP! HIP!
MOORAY!**



WE WILL NO LONGER BE KNOWN
AS KNOTHOLE VILLAGERS! FROM
TODAY ONWARDS WE SHALL BE
MOBIANS OF MOBOTROPOLIS
ONCE AGAIN. TOMORROW blah blah
blah blah blah blah...





MEANWHILE, MILES AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, A ROYAL AIRSHIP ROCKETS TO A LOCATION FAR FROM THE CONFINES OF SONIC'S MIND--

--THE DEVIL'S GULAG!!



HIDDEN BY A DENSE BANK OF STEAM CLOUDS FROM THE BOILING OCEANS THAT SURROUND IT, THE PRISON COMPLEX SITS FOREBODINGLY ON THE MILE-HIGH ROCKY CRAB THAT PASSES FOR AN ISLAND.



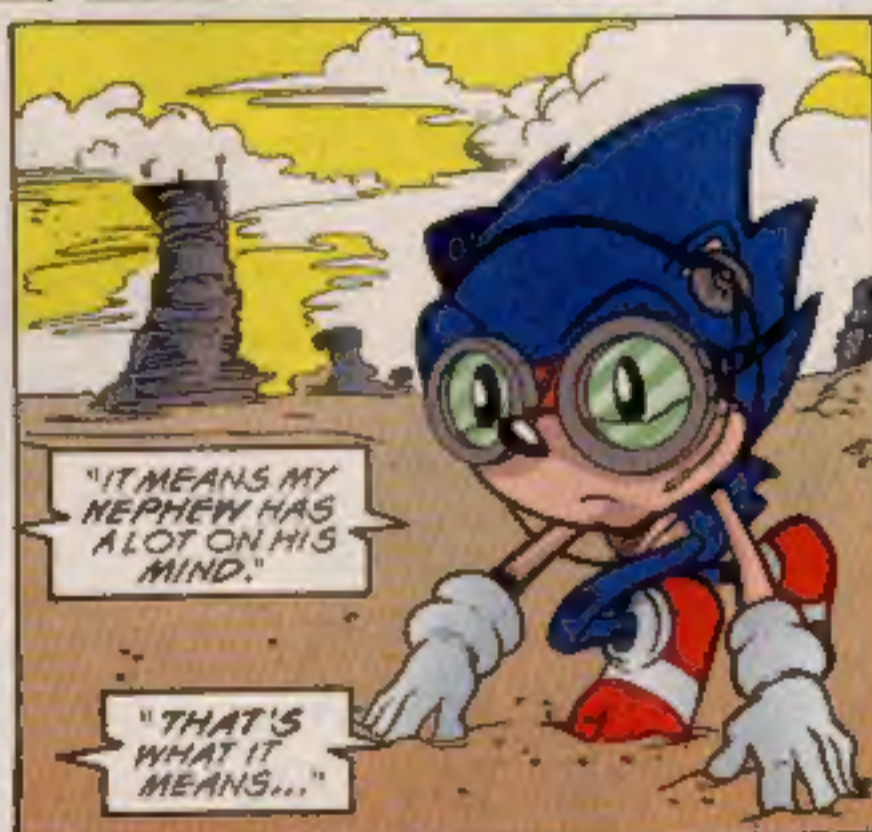
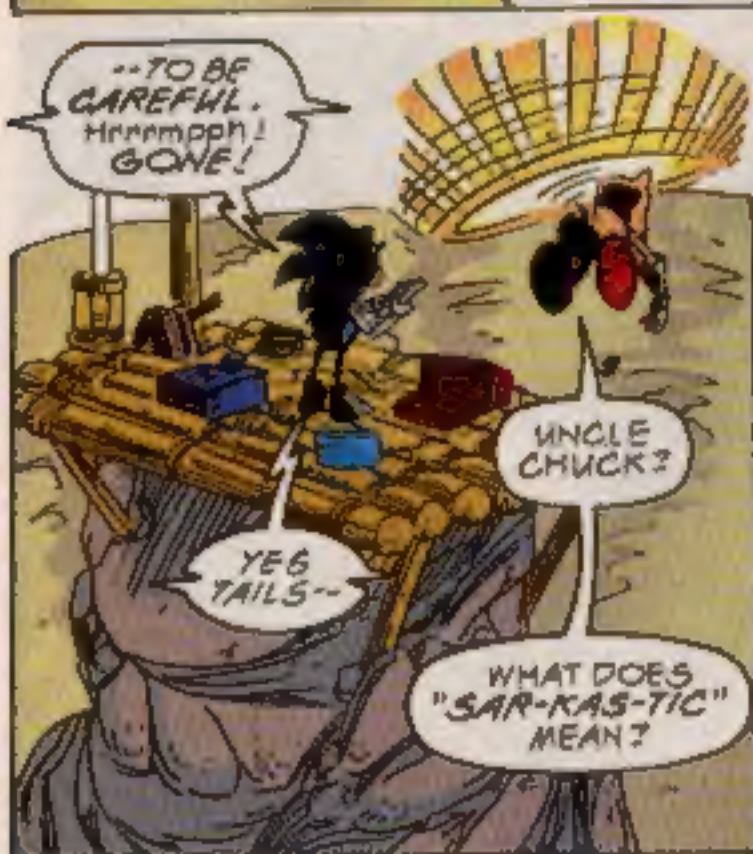
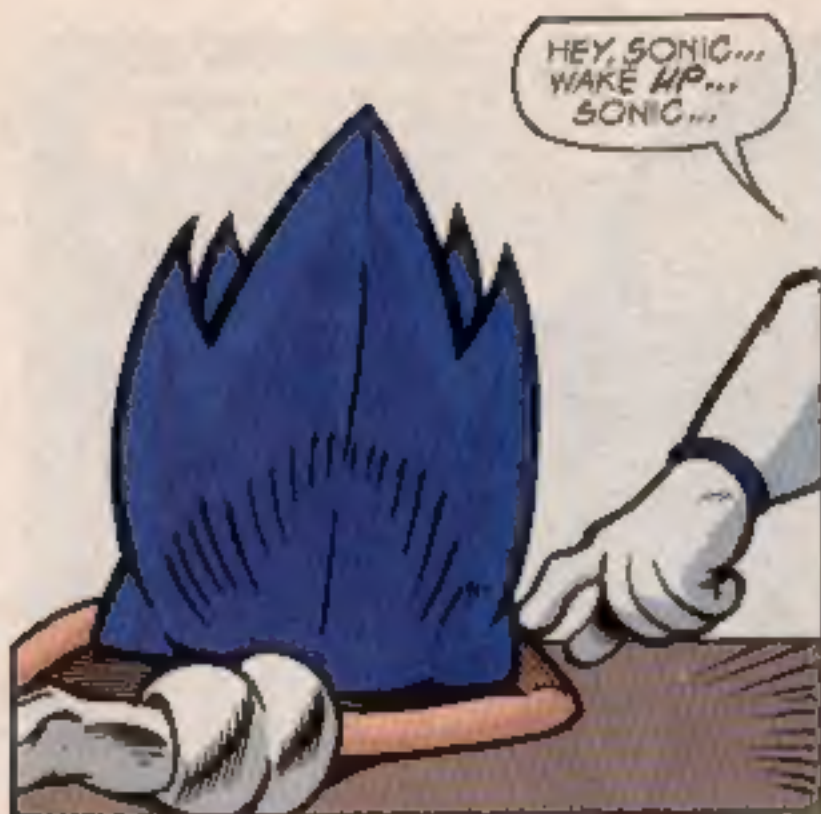
LIKE SOME SKYBOUND SUBMARINE, THE AIRSHIP GENTLY BREAKS THE CLOUD BANK'S SURFACE AS SHE DELIVERS HER FELONIOUS CARGO.

AND WHO ARE THE CRIMINALS IN QUESTION? LET'S FIND OUT...



LIEUTENANT SMILEY!
COMMANDER FLEMING!
ISN'T THAT WARLORD KODOS?
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED
TO HIM?

IT'S QUITE A
STORY, BUT IF YOU'VE
GOT A MINUTE, I'LL
TELL YOU...





HE'S OFF! AND AS HE MAKES HIS WAY ACROSS THE GREAT PLAINS OF MOBIUS, AN AZURE FIGURE RACING AT HYPER SPEEDS--

--HIS MEMORY REEL HITS REWIND AND PAUSES IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT-PAST.

I'VE GIVEN IT MUCH THOUGHT, PRINCESS. THE DECISION WAS DIFFICULT TO MAKE, BUT I'VE DECIDED THAT ONLY YOU COULD HELP OUR FLIGHT.



I THINK YOUR IDEA IS BRILLANT!

SINCE MOBOTROPOLIS IS TOO CROWDED, KNOTHOLE WOULD BE THE IDEAL PLACE FOR THE ROBOT-ICIZED MOBIANS TO LIVE UNTIL WE FIND A WAY FOR EVERYONE TO LIVE IN HARMONY.

WOW! A REAL ROBOTVILLE, AMY!

THAT RULES COMPLETELY!

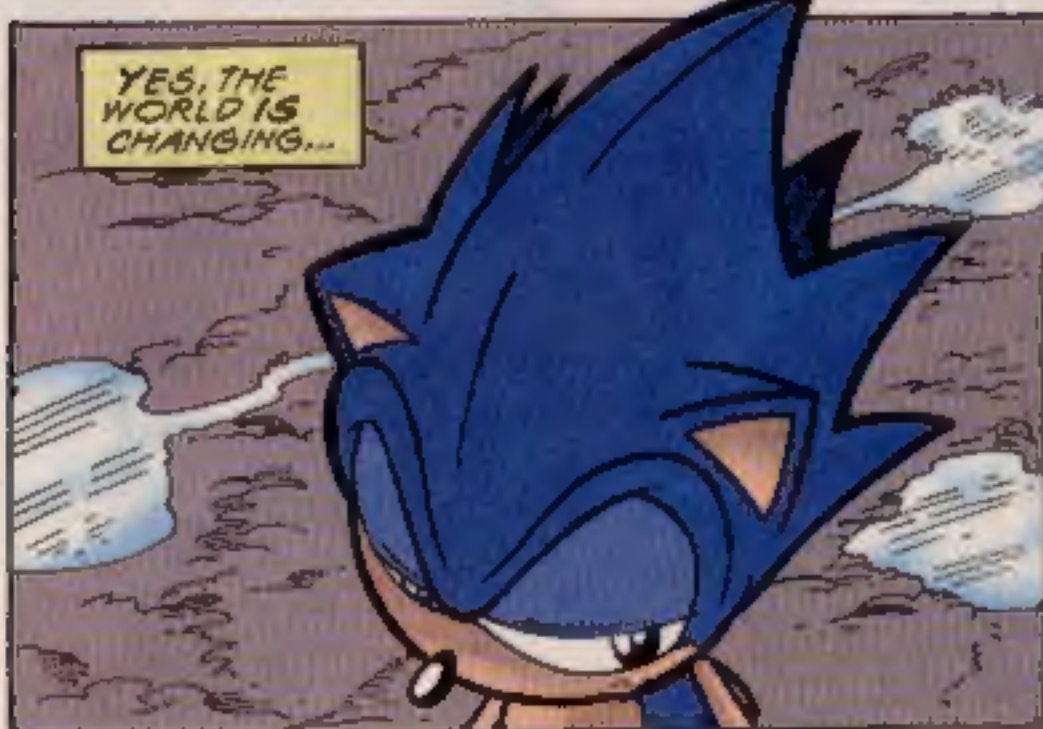
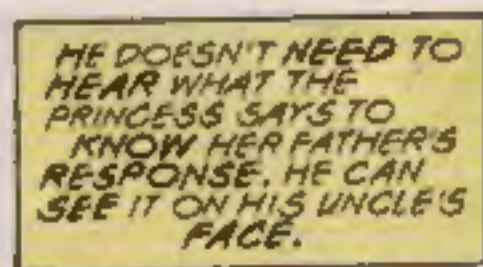
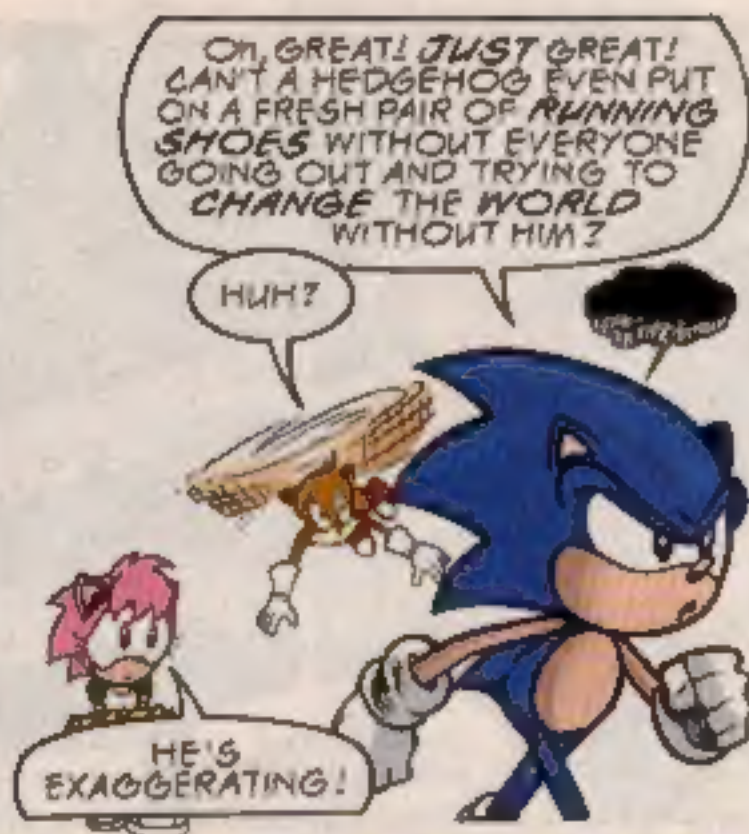
I'LL JUST HAVE TO OKAY THE MOVE WITH MY DAD.

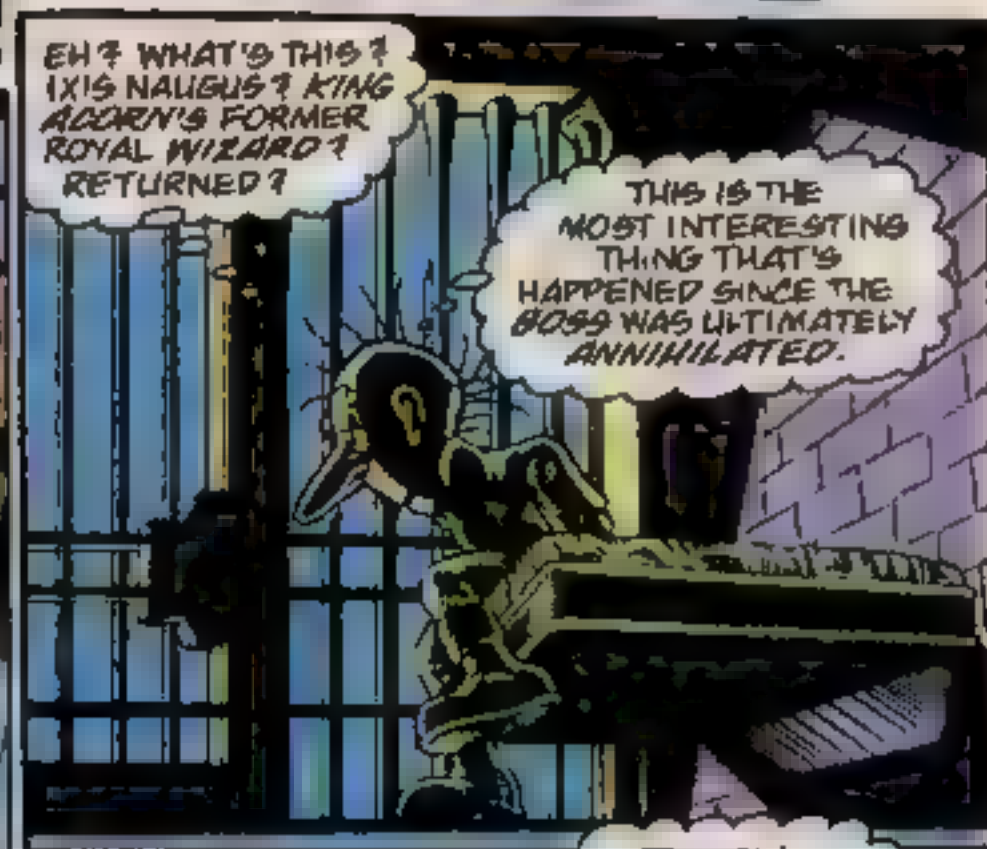
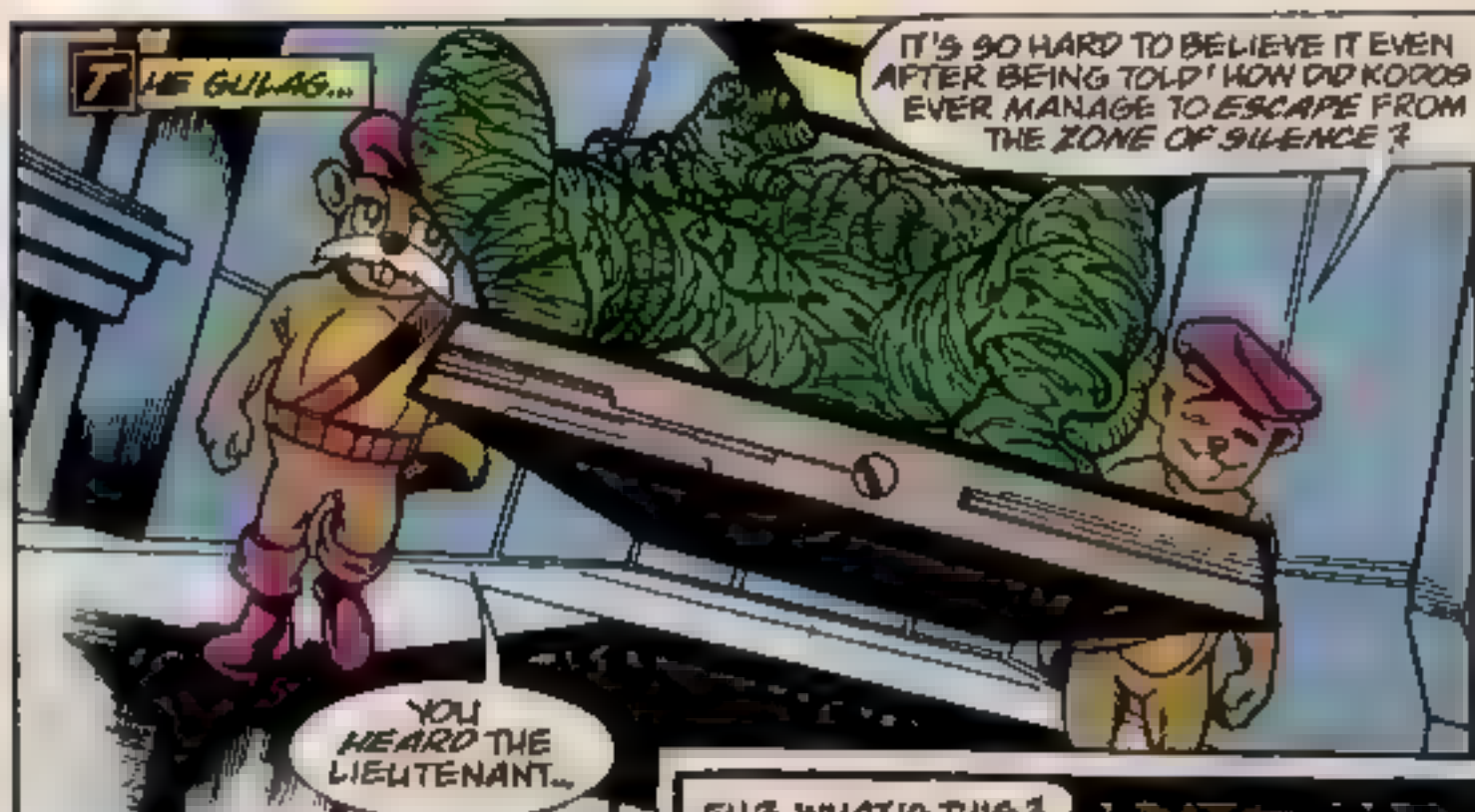


DON'T SWEAT IT, UNC! KING ACORN IS A RIGHTEOUS MONARCH! IT'LL HAPPEN PQQ!

I HOPE SO...

* Pretty Darned Quick!
-- FOOT FREDDY





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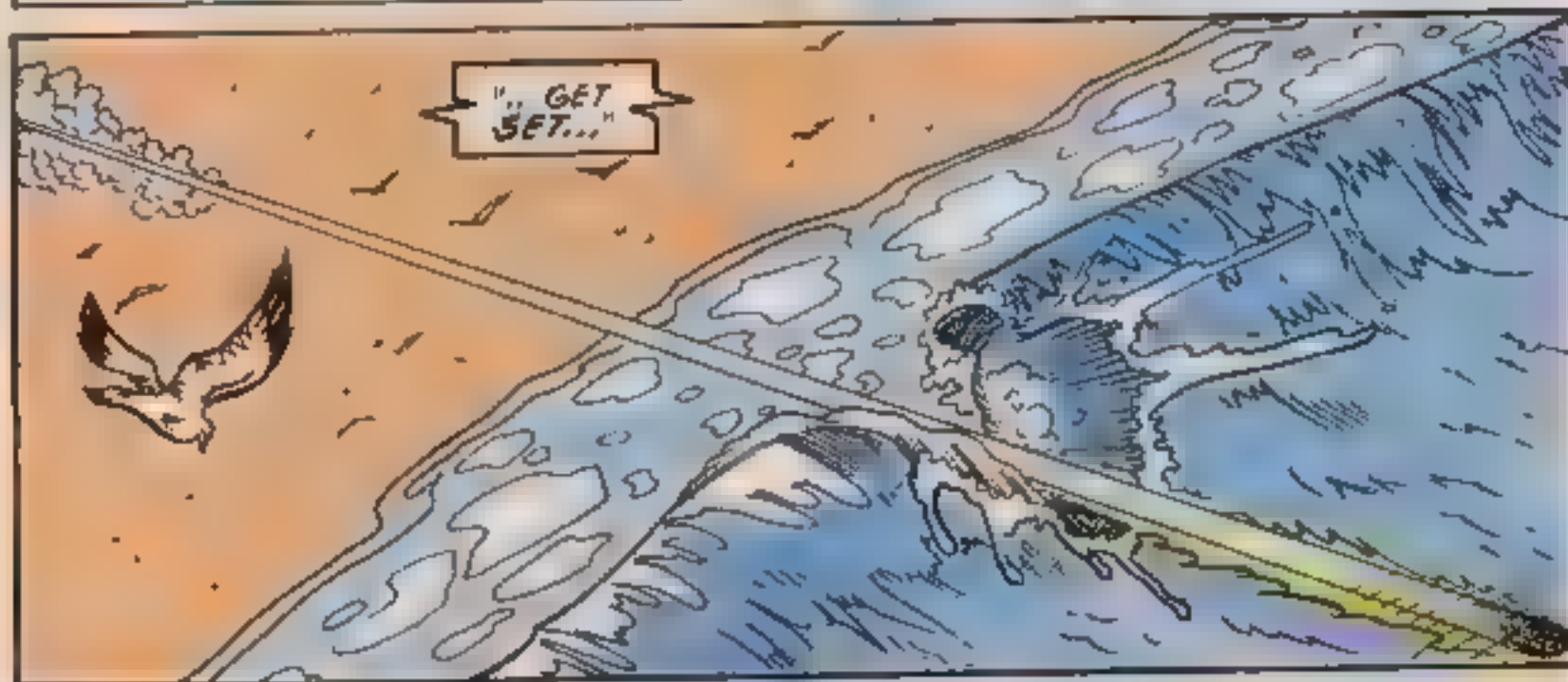
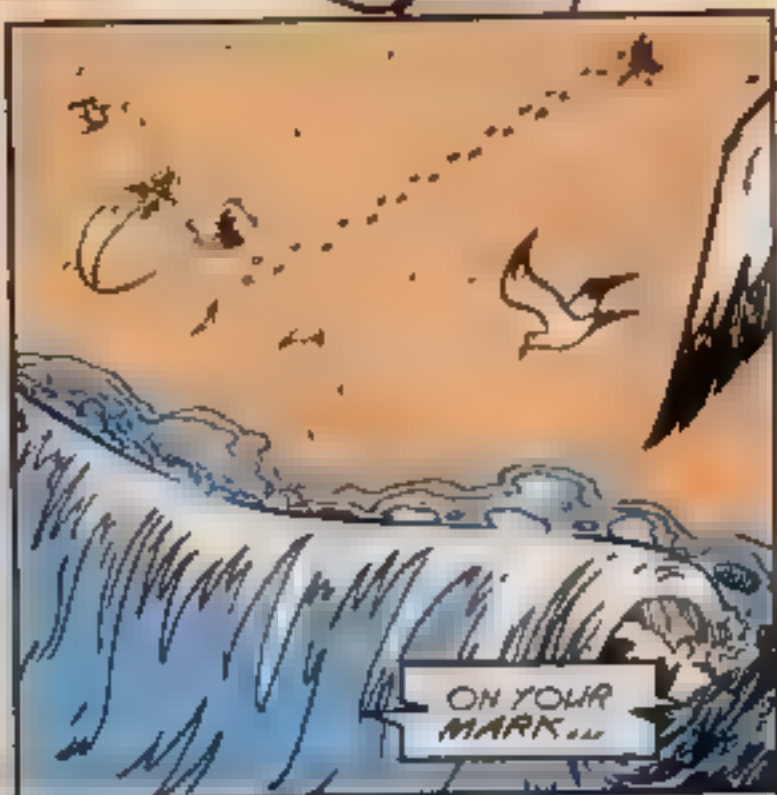
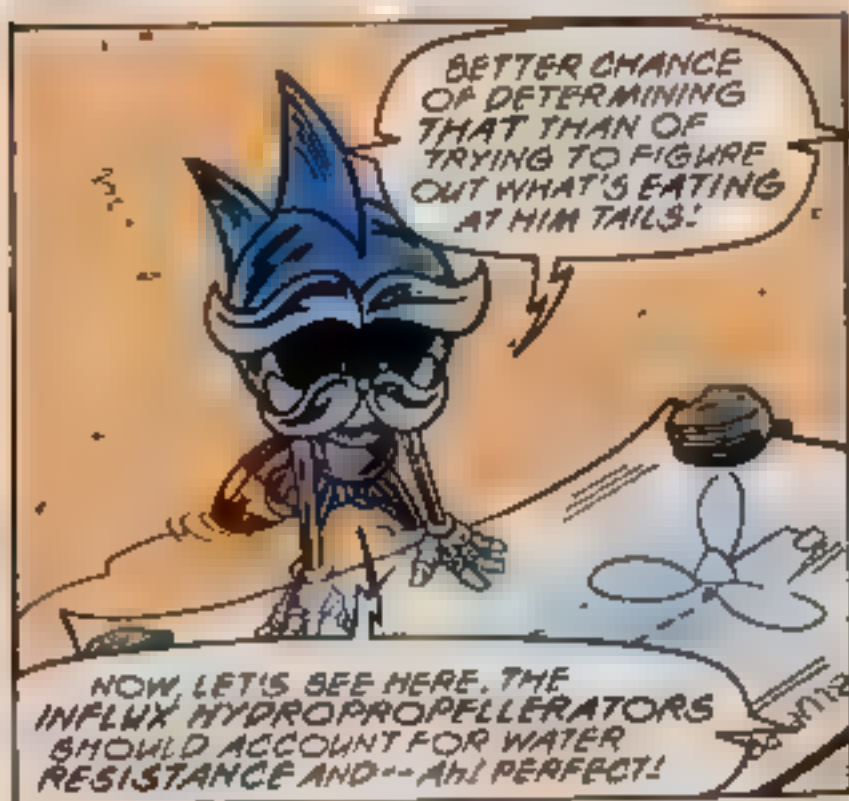
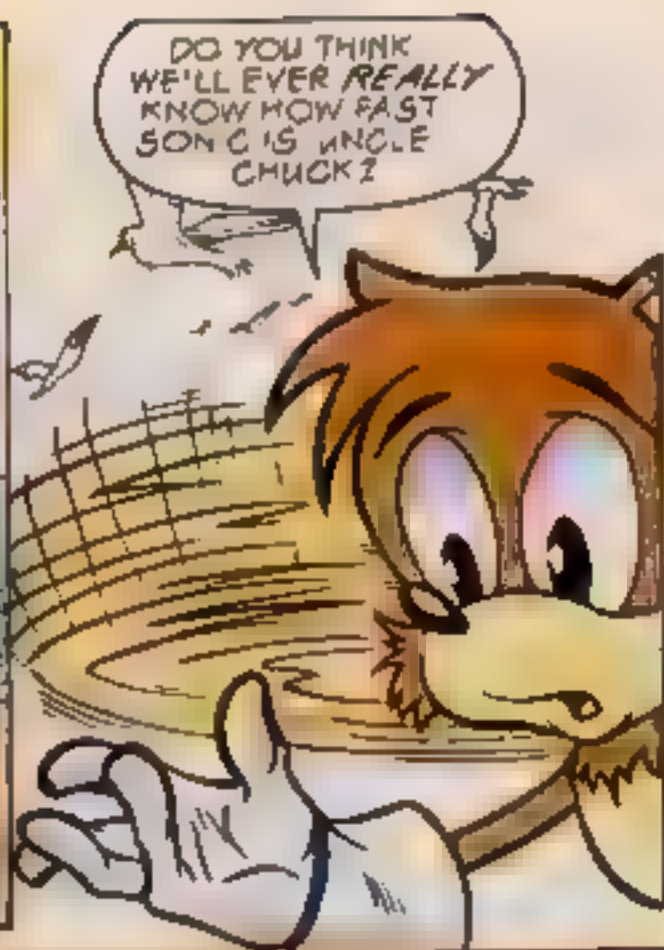
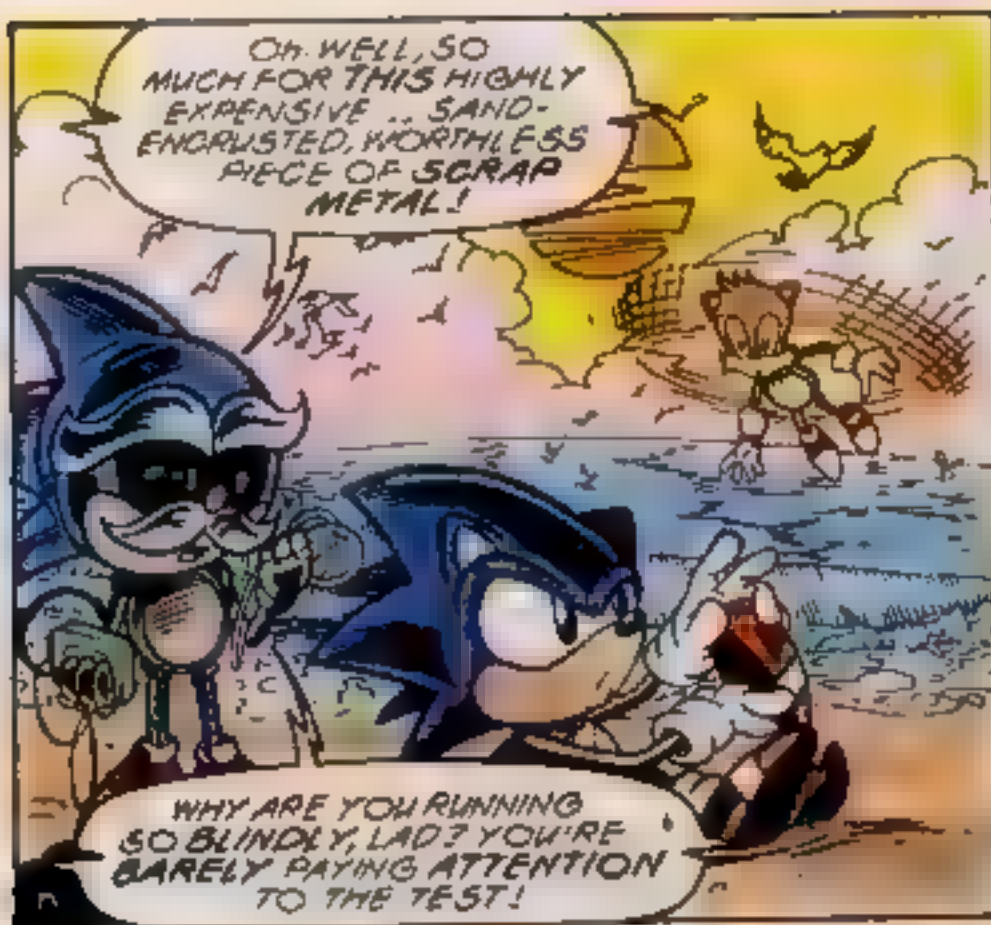
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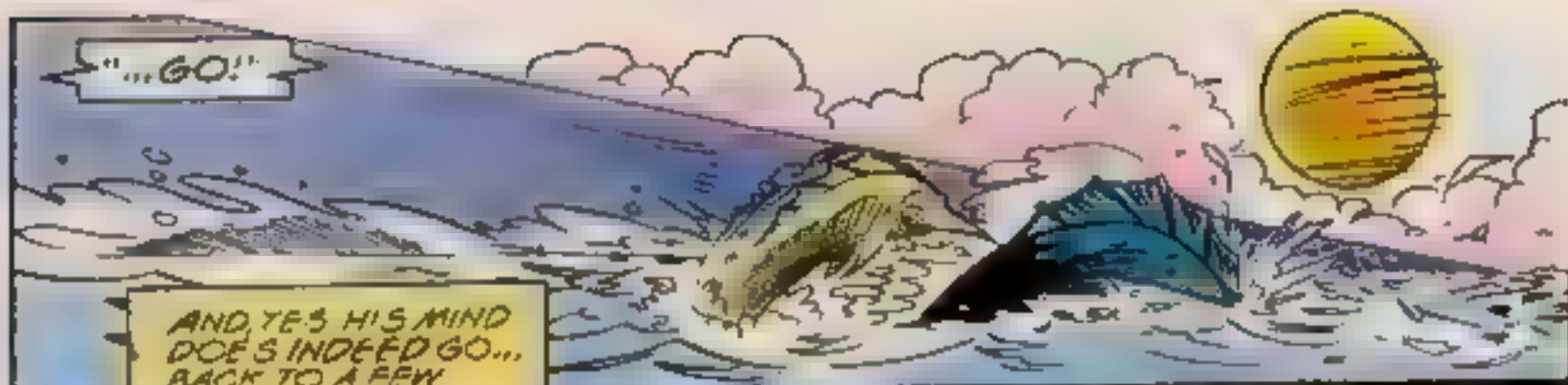


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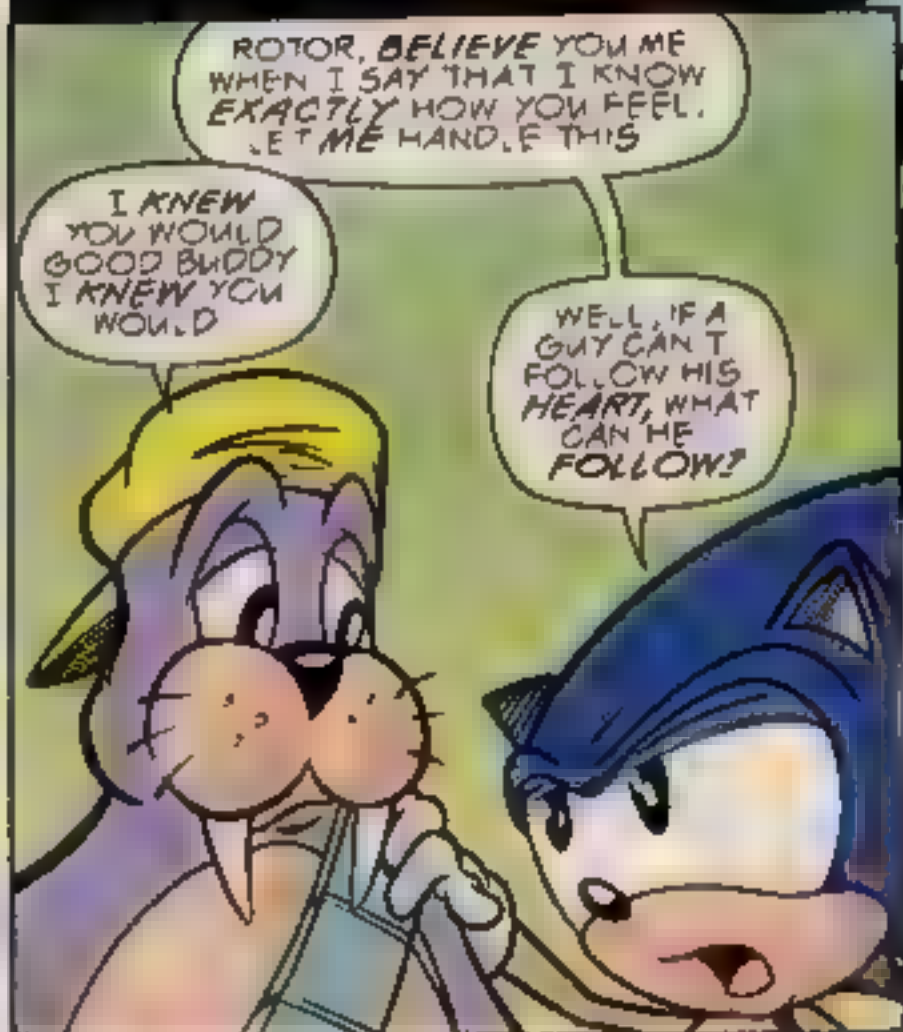
"...GO!"

AND YES HIS MIND
DOES INDEED GO...
BACK TO A FEW
DAYS PAST.

SO THAT'S
PRETTY MUCH THE
SCORE, GOOD
BUDDY!

NOW, LET
ME GET THIS
STRAIGHT,
ROTOR...

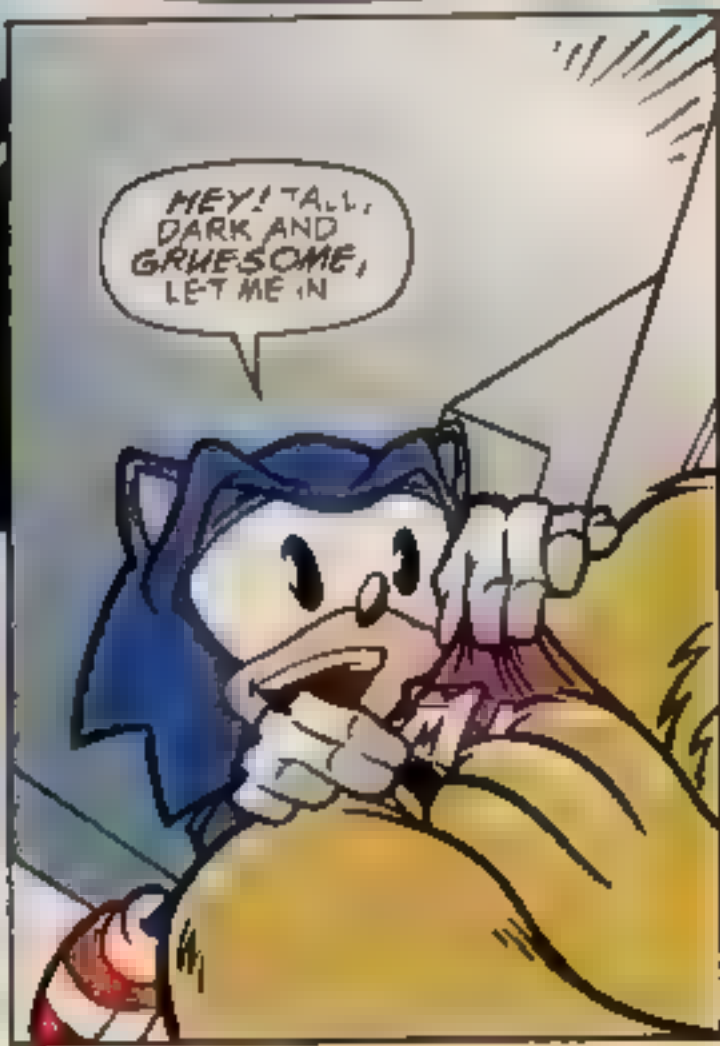
YOU WANNA TAKE A LITTLE
TIME OFF TO LOOK FOR YOUR
FOLKS WHO'VE BEEN MISSING
SINCE THIS WHOLE MESS WITH
ROBATTNIK STARTED... BUT THE
PRINCESS SAID NO?



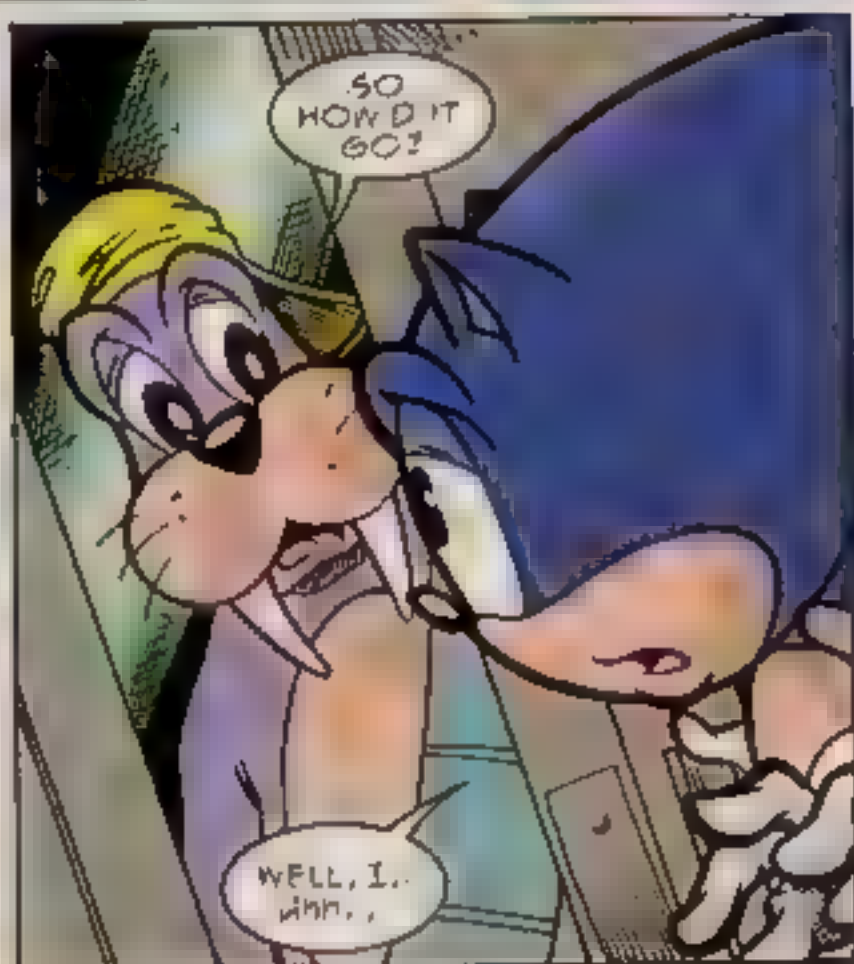
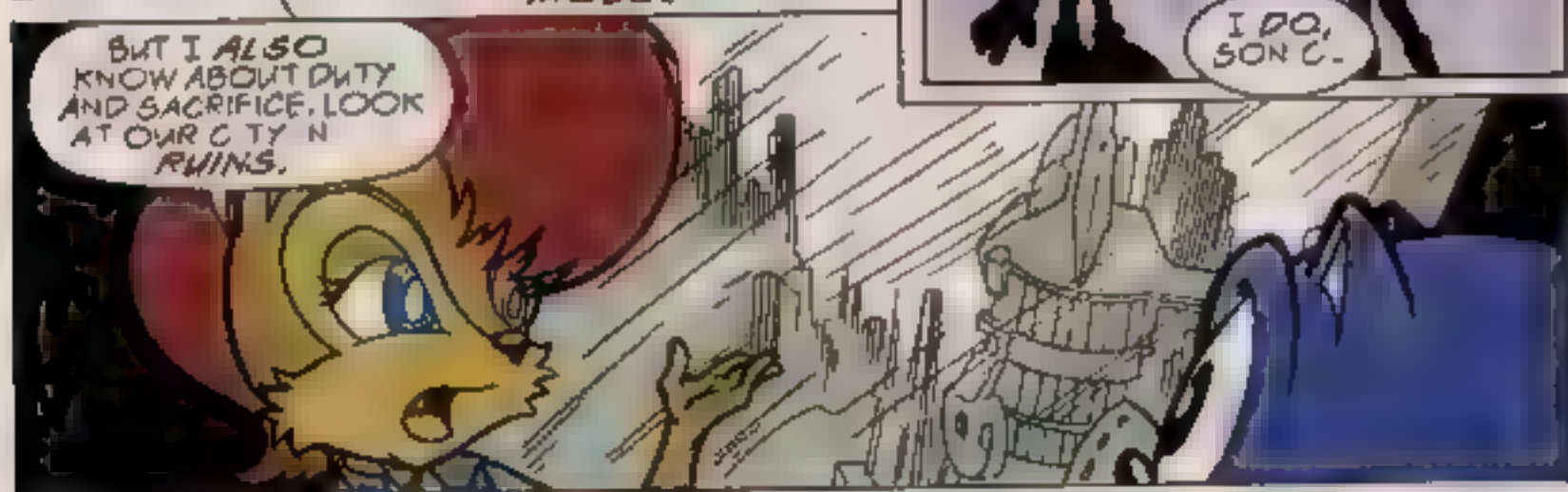
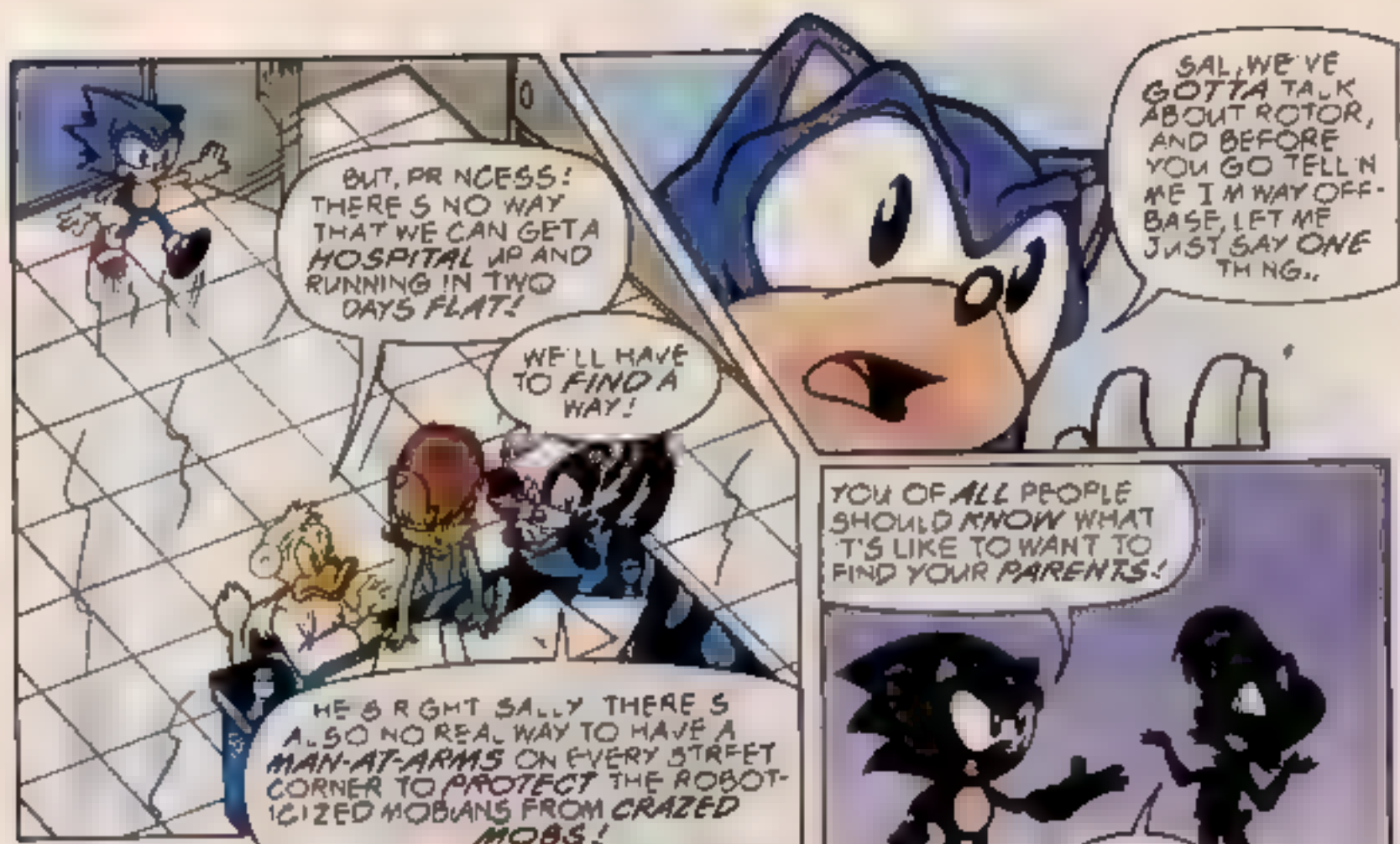
ROTOR, BELIEVE YOU ME
WHEN I SAY THAT I KNOW
EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL.
LET ME HANDLE THIS

I KNEW
YOU WOULD
GOOD BUDDY
I KNEW YOU
WOULD

WELL, IF A
GUY CAN'T
FOLLOW HIS
HEART, WHAT
CAN HE
FOLLOW?



HEY! TALL,
DARK AND
GRUESOME,
LET ME IN



THE GULAG..

...AND THIS ONE
I'VE NEVER EVEN
HEARD OF

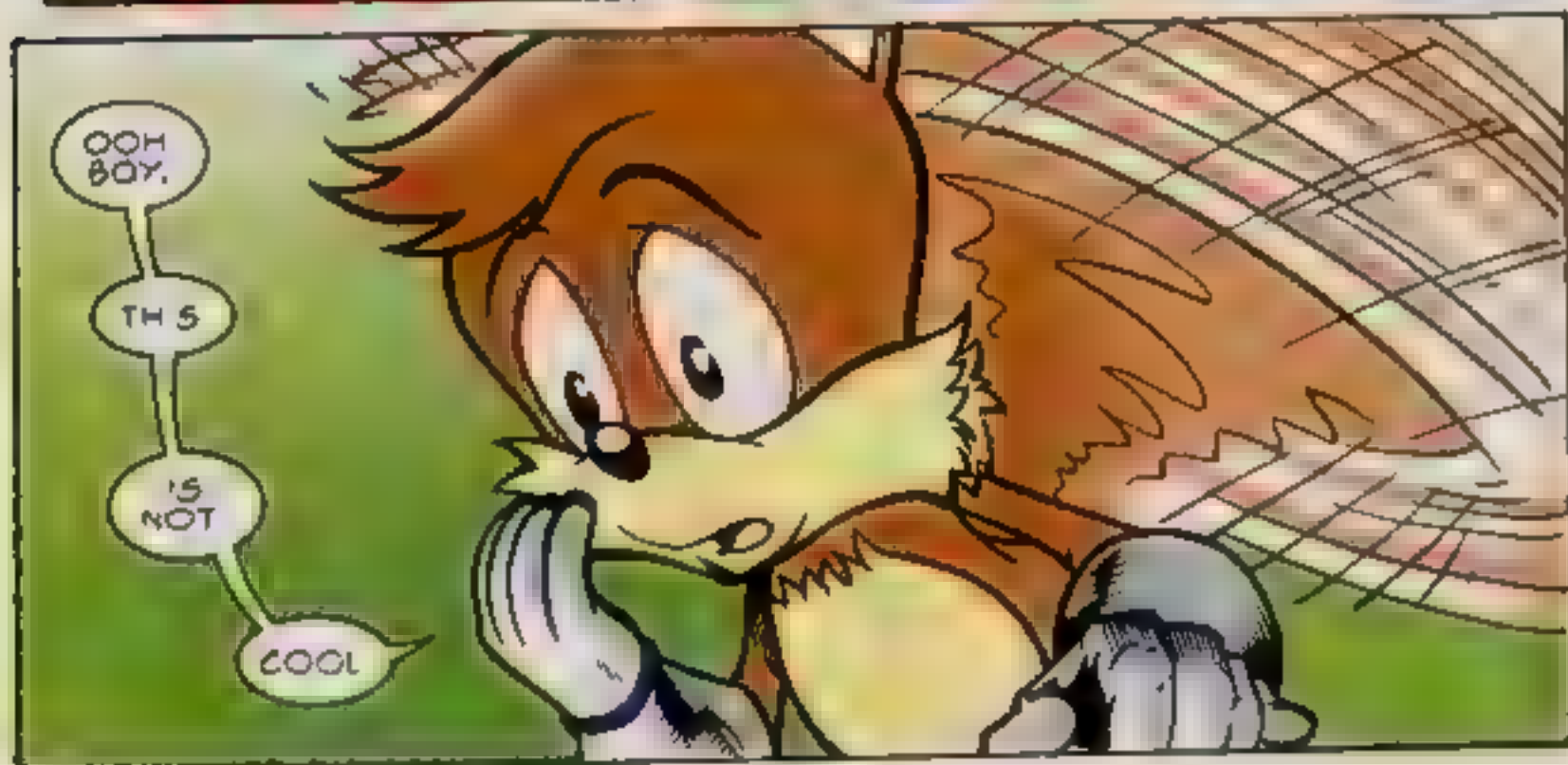
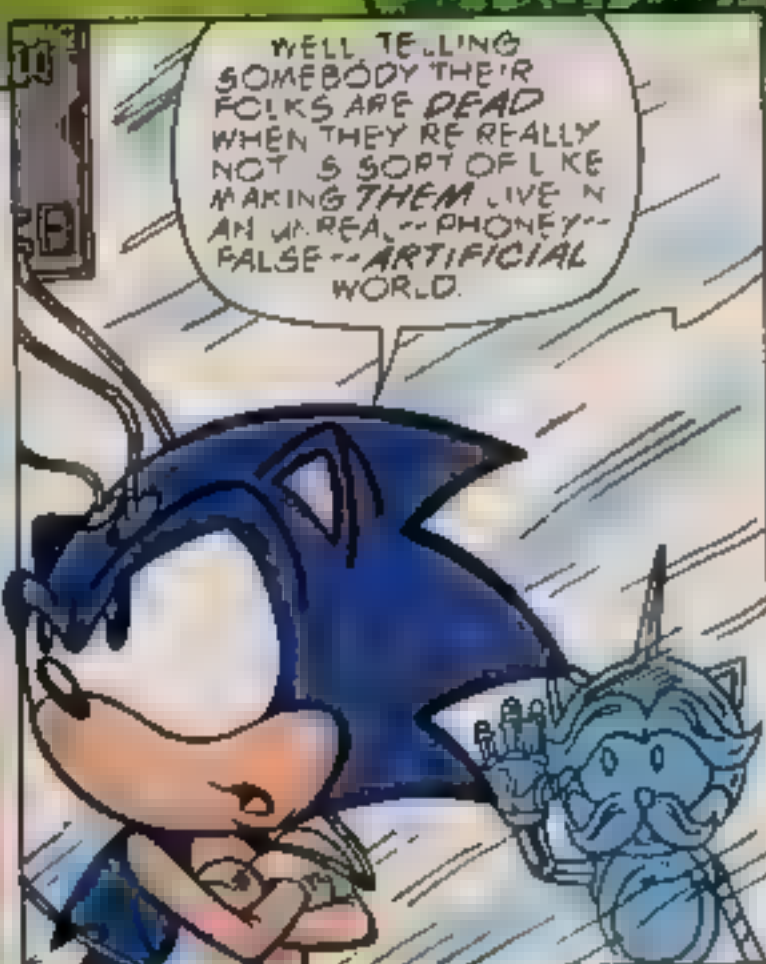
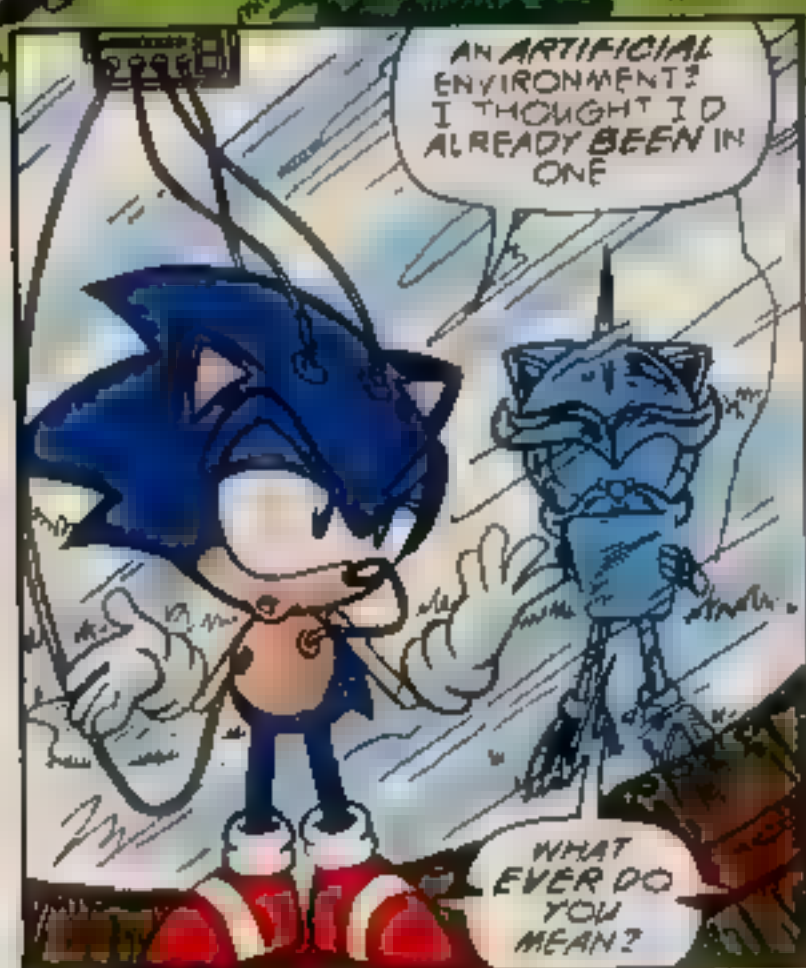
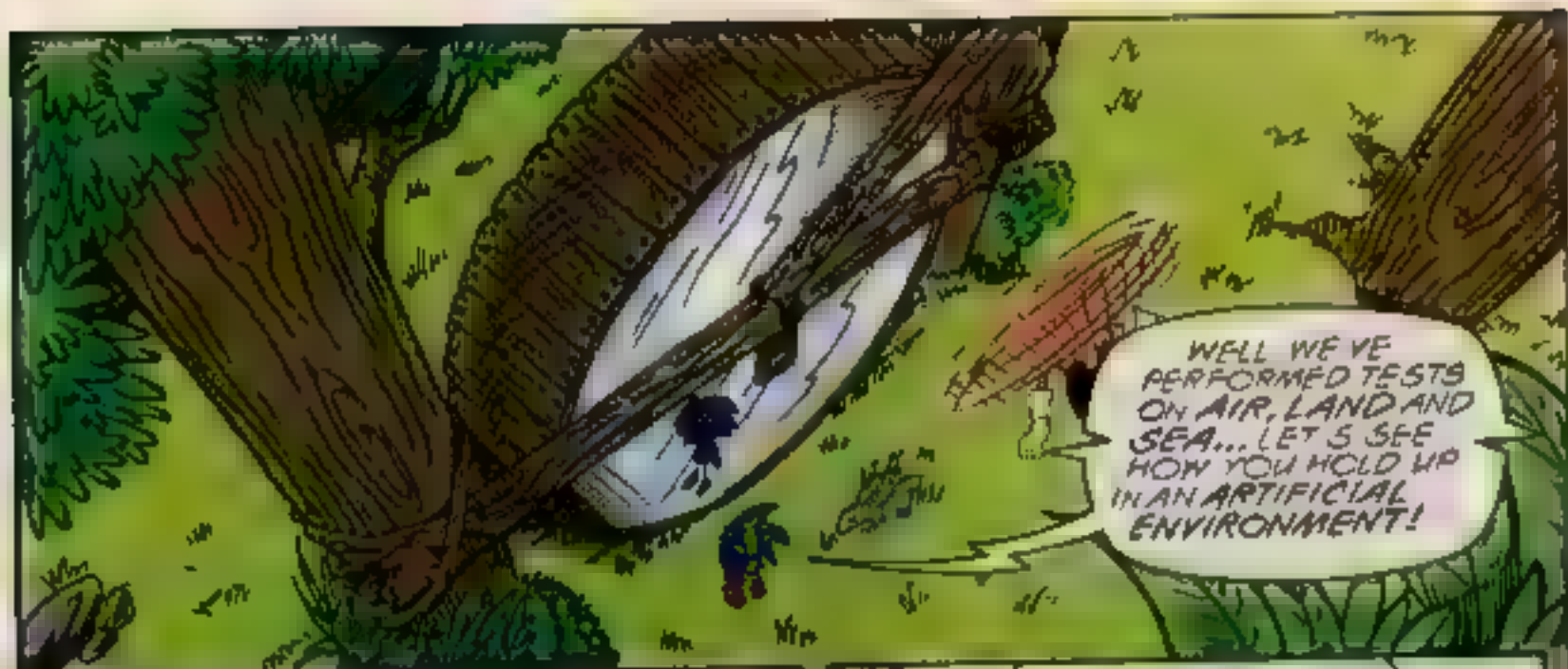
I KNOW!
HER NAME IS
UMA ARACHNIS,
BUT BEYOND
THAT AND THE
FACT THAT SHE'S
A NINJA
WARRIOR, SHE'S
A MYSTERY TO
EVERYONE!

WELL, WE DO
KNOW THAT SHE'S
ANOTHER OF IXIS'
FLUNKIES AND
THAT MEANS SHE'S
DEFINITELY BAD
NEWS!

"NO MATTER HOW
WICKED SHE
WAS, NO ONE
DESERVES TO BE
FROZEN IN A
CRYSTAL STATE!"

IT'S HER
OWN FAULT!
SHE AND KODOS
SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN THAT NO
GOOD COULD
BEFALL THEM
WHILE WORKING
WITH AN EVIL
WIZARD LIKE
IXIS.

HMM.. WELL,
IF IXIS NAUGUS HAS
INDEED RETURNED..
AND THERE'S POWER
TO BE EXPLOITED..
I HAVE TO FIND
IT!





BEFORE HIS UNCLE HAS
A CHANCE TO REPLY, SONIC
STARTS THE TEST
FOR HIM.

AND AS HIS
FEET RACE
FORWARD,
HIS MIND
RACES
BACKWARDS
IN TIME...

TO WHERE?

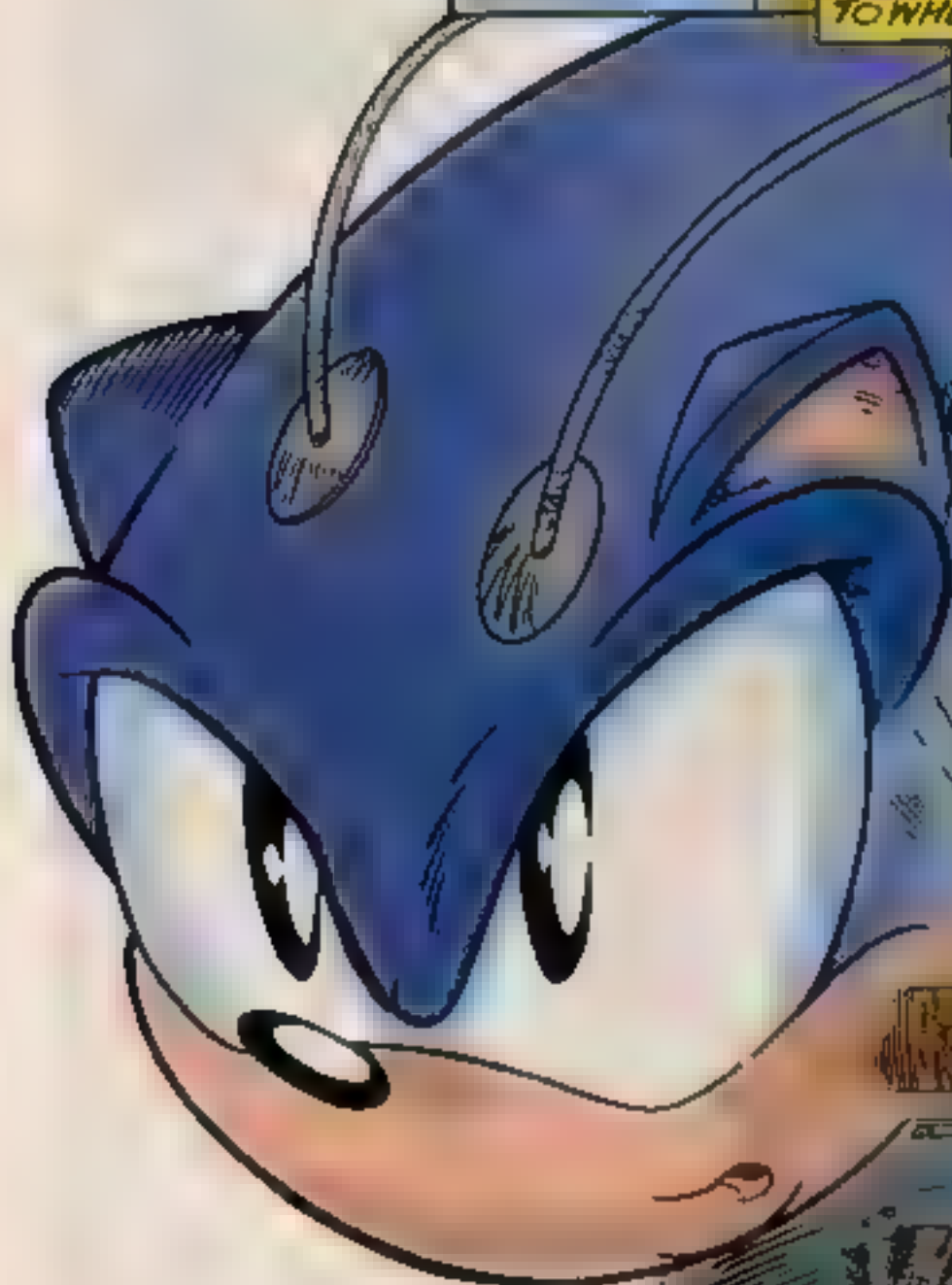
MOBOTROPOLIS

TO WHEN?

A FEW
HOURS
AGO

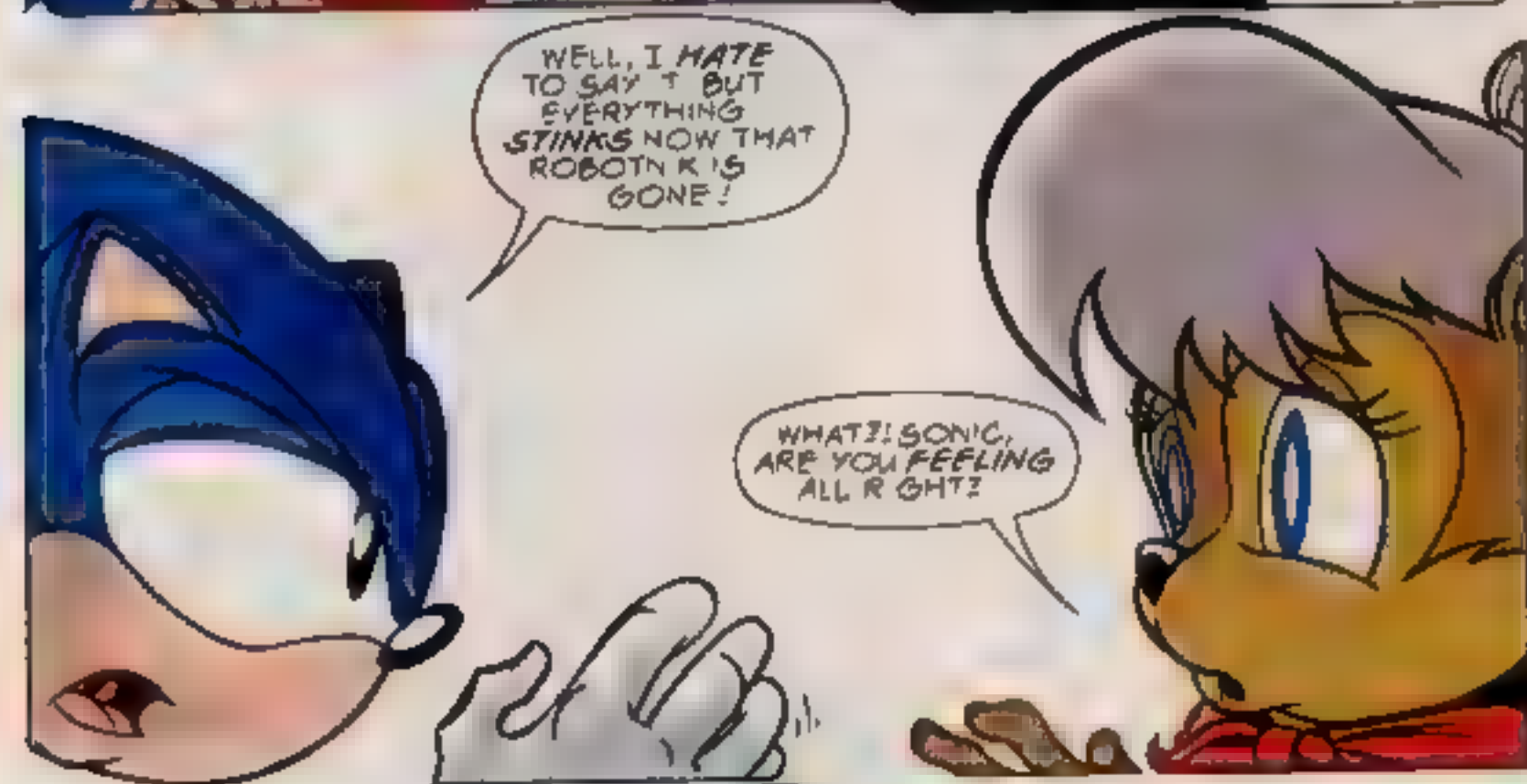
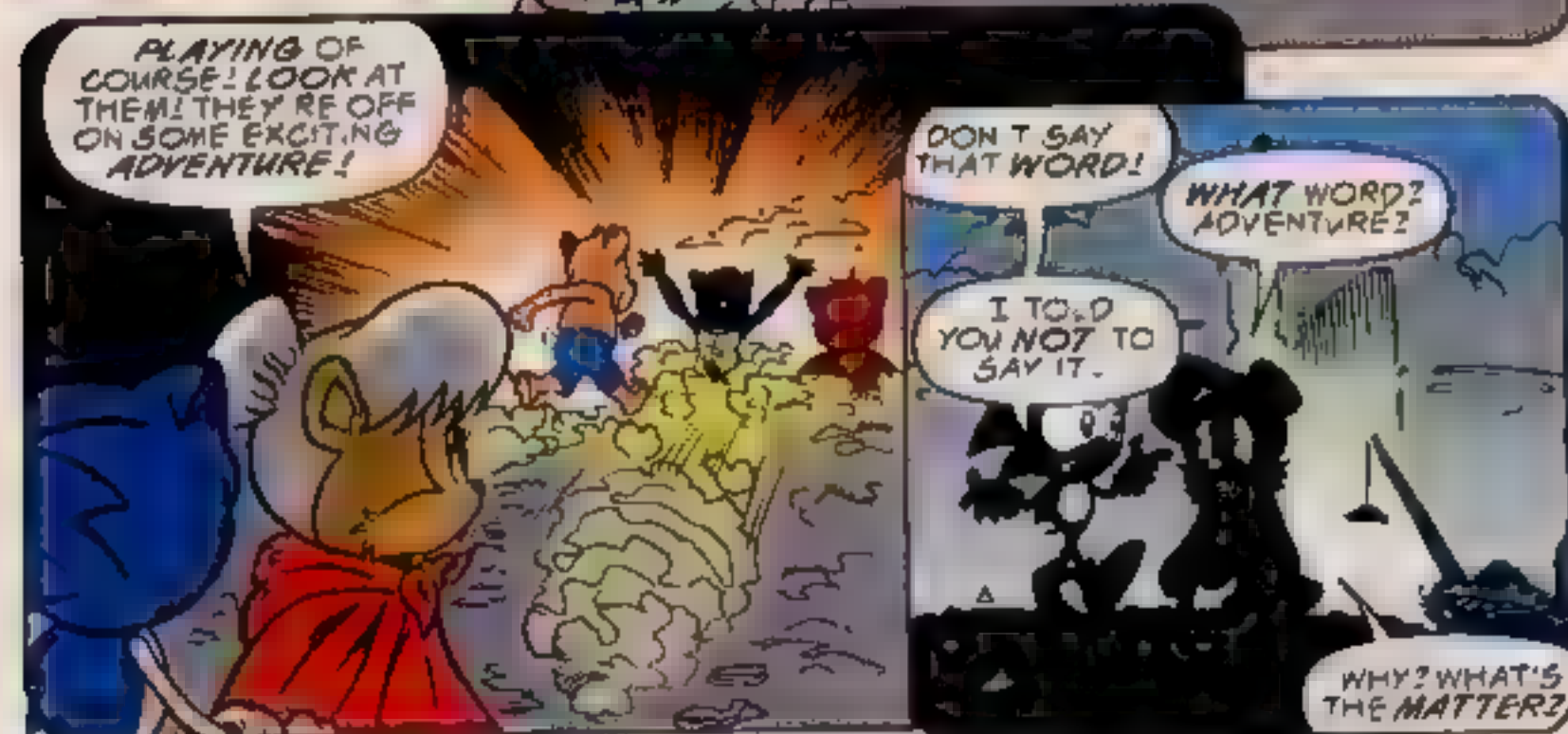
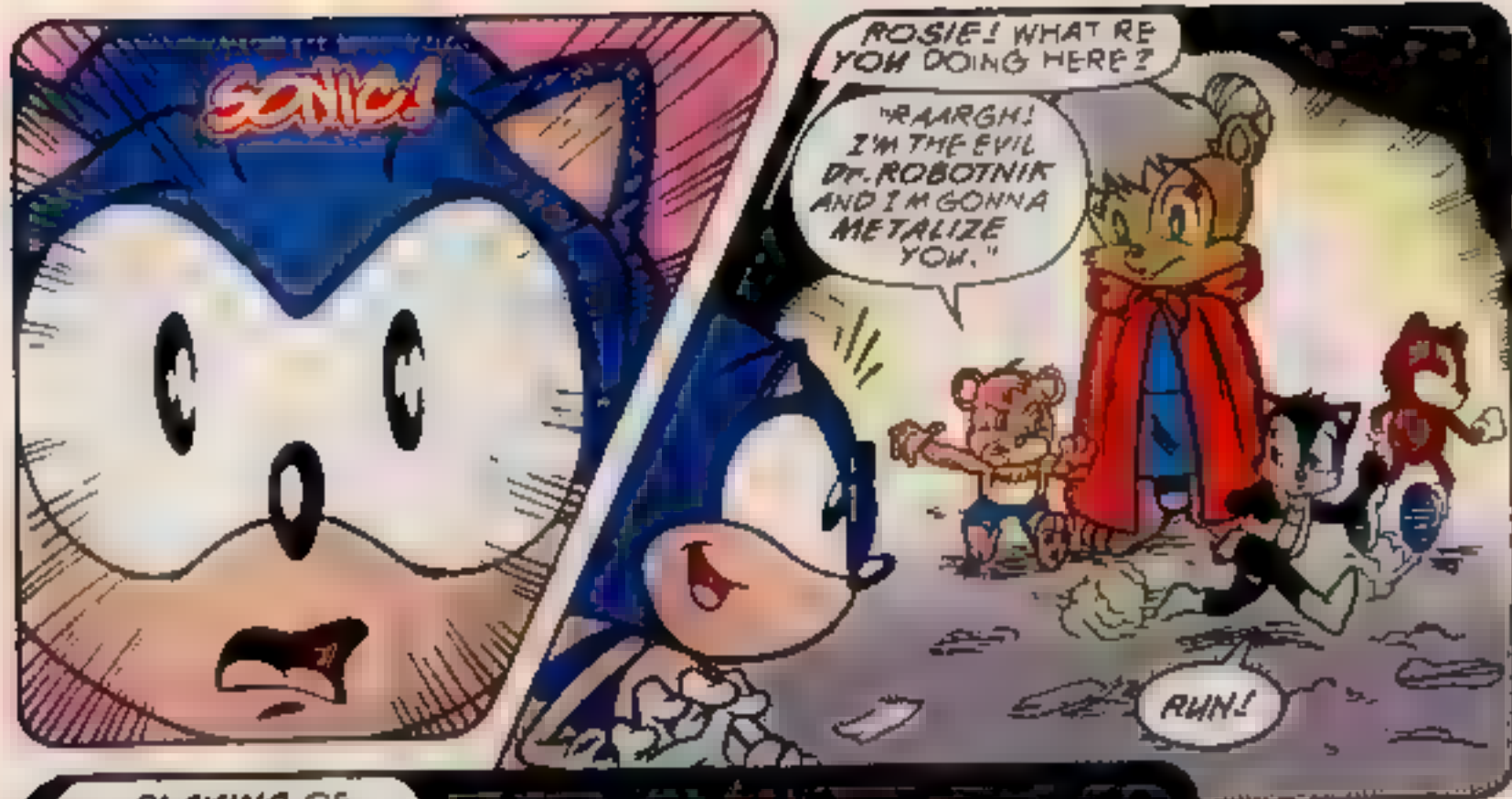
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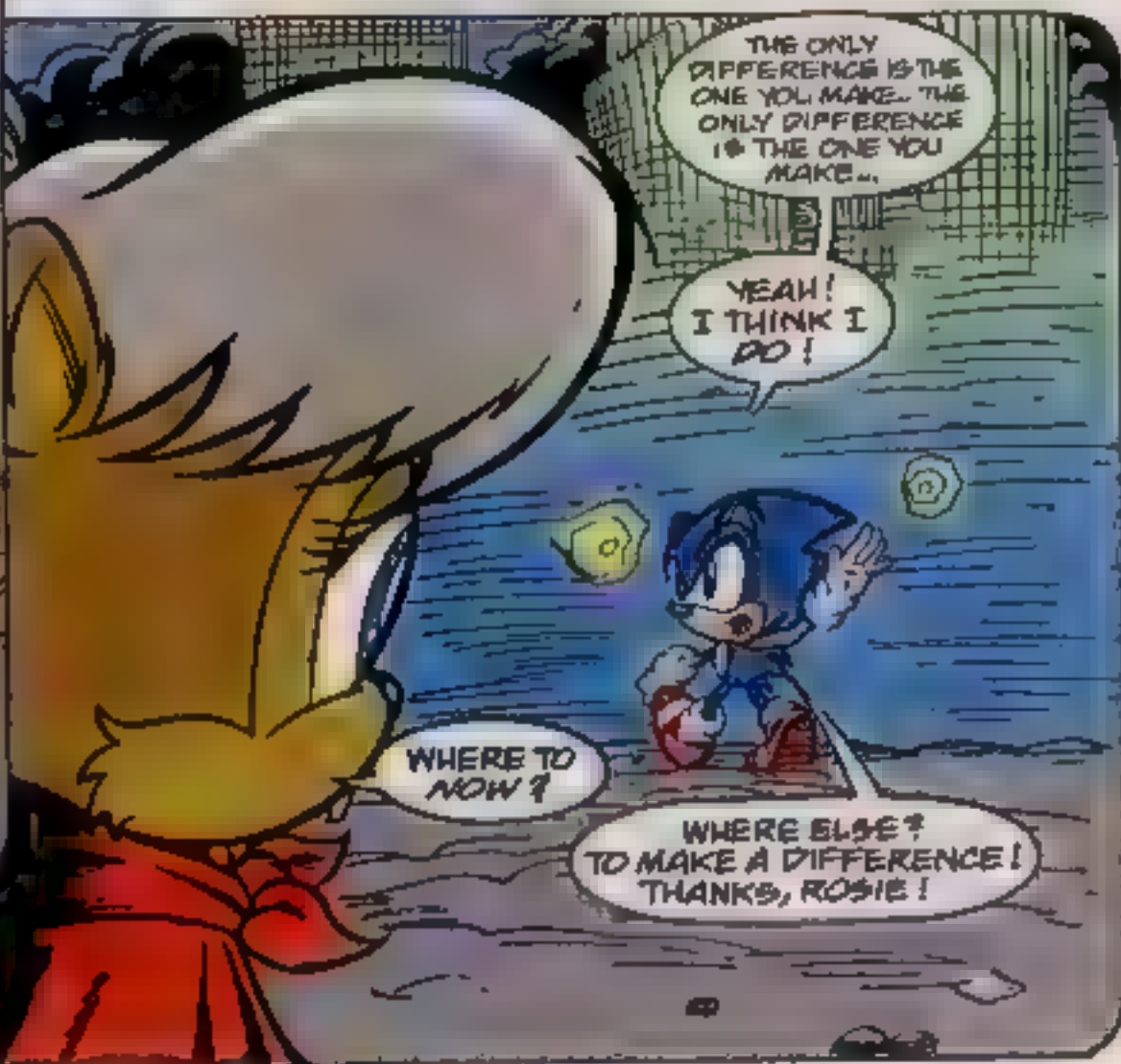
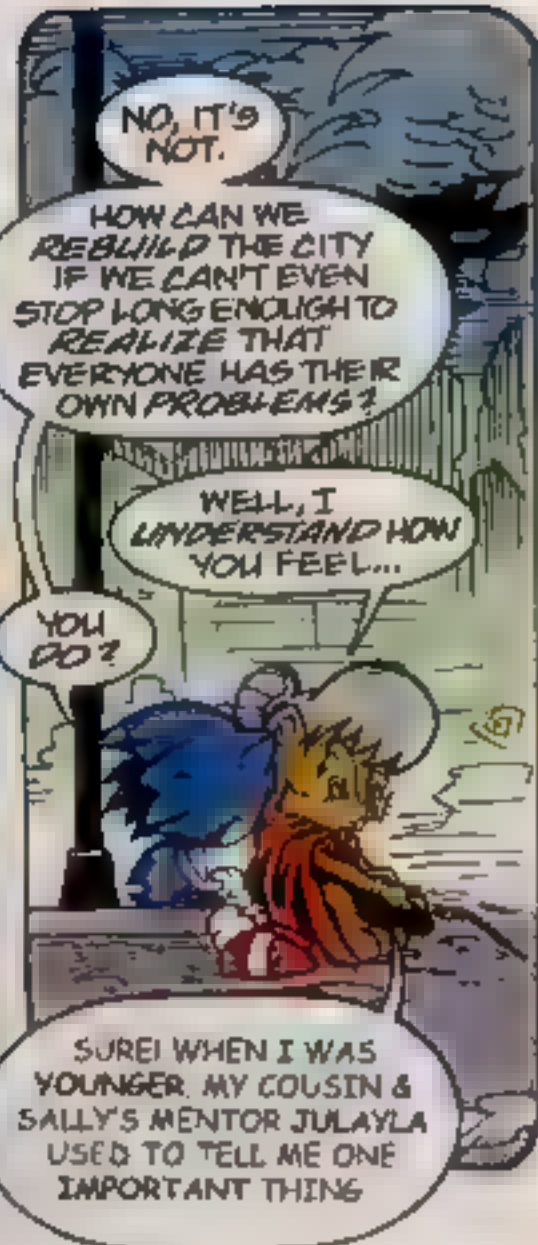
DON'T ASK
KEEP READING...



Yawn

SINCE I'M
FORCED TO SIT ON
THIS DUMB COUNCIL,
MAYBE I SHOULD
PETITION TO REName
THIS TOWN
"DULLSVILLE"!



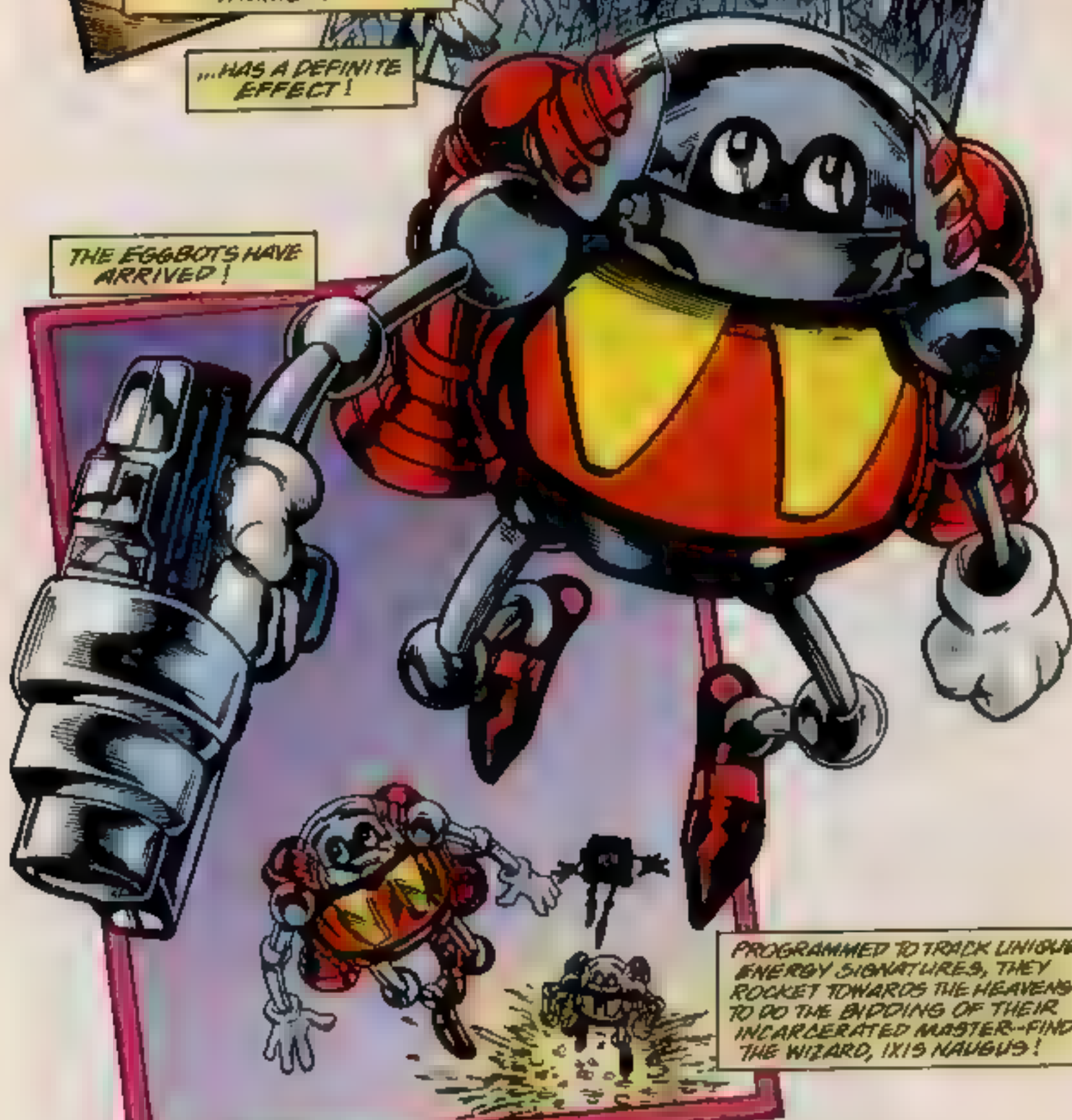


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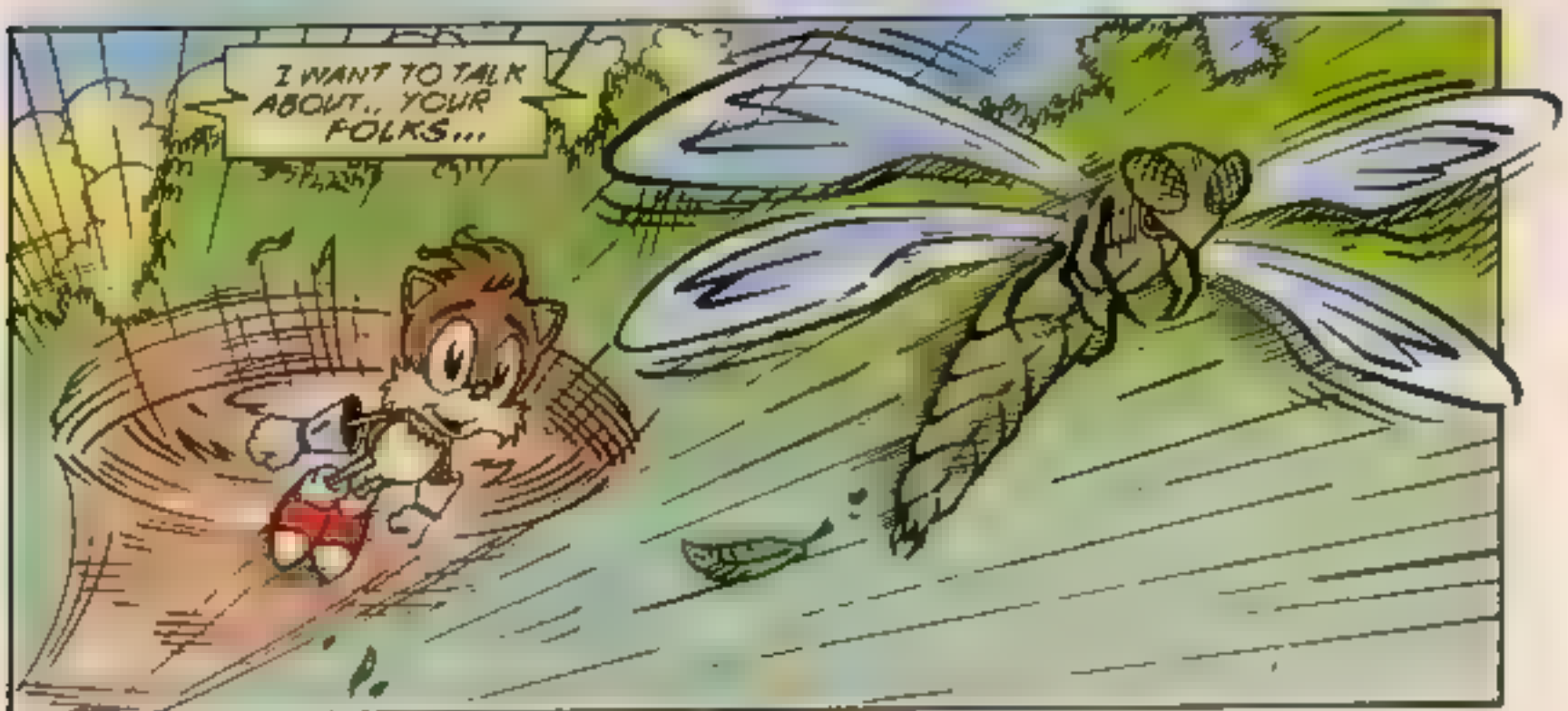
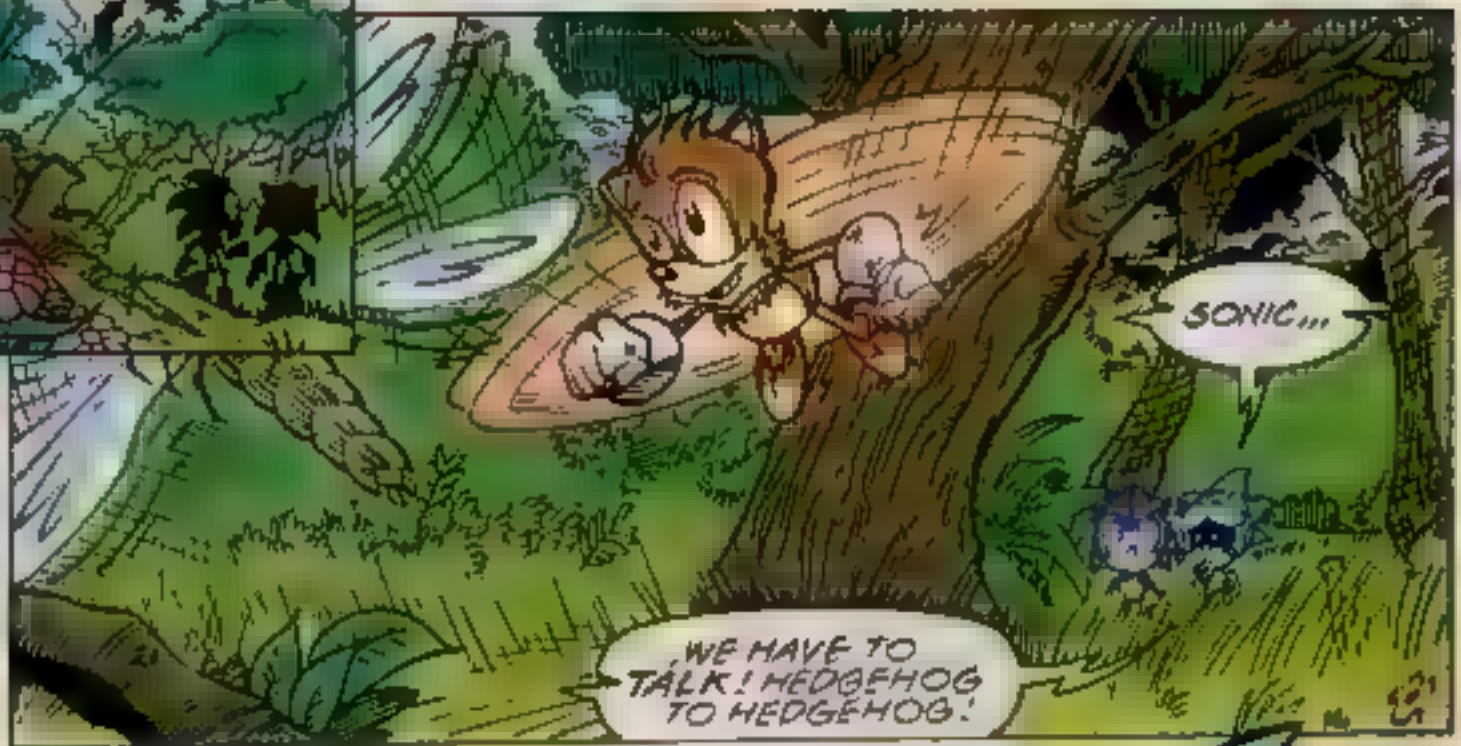
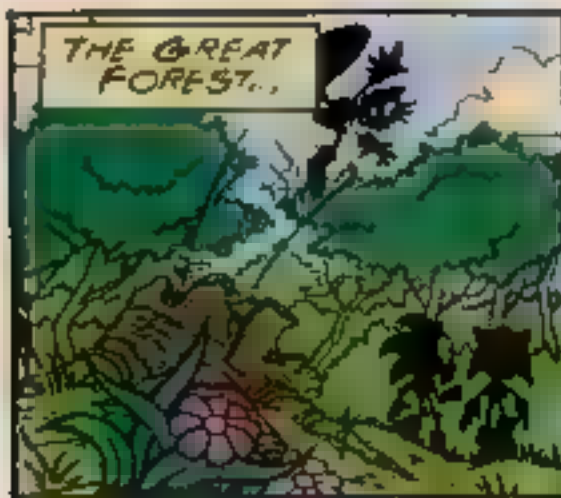
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ENOUGH TO IT THAT THE
REMOTE-CONTROLLED
RADIO SIGNAL EMITTED
FROM BENEATH SNIVELY'S
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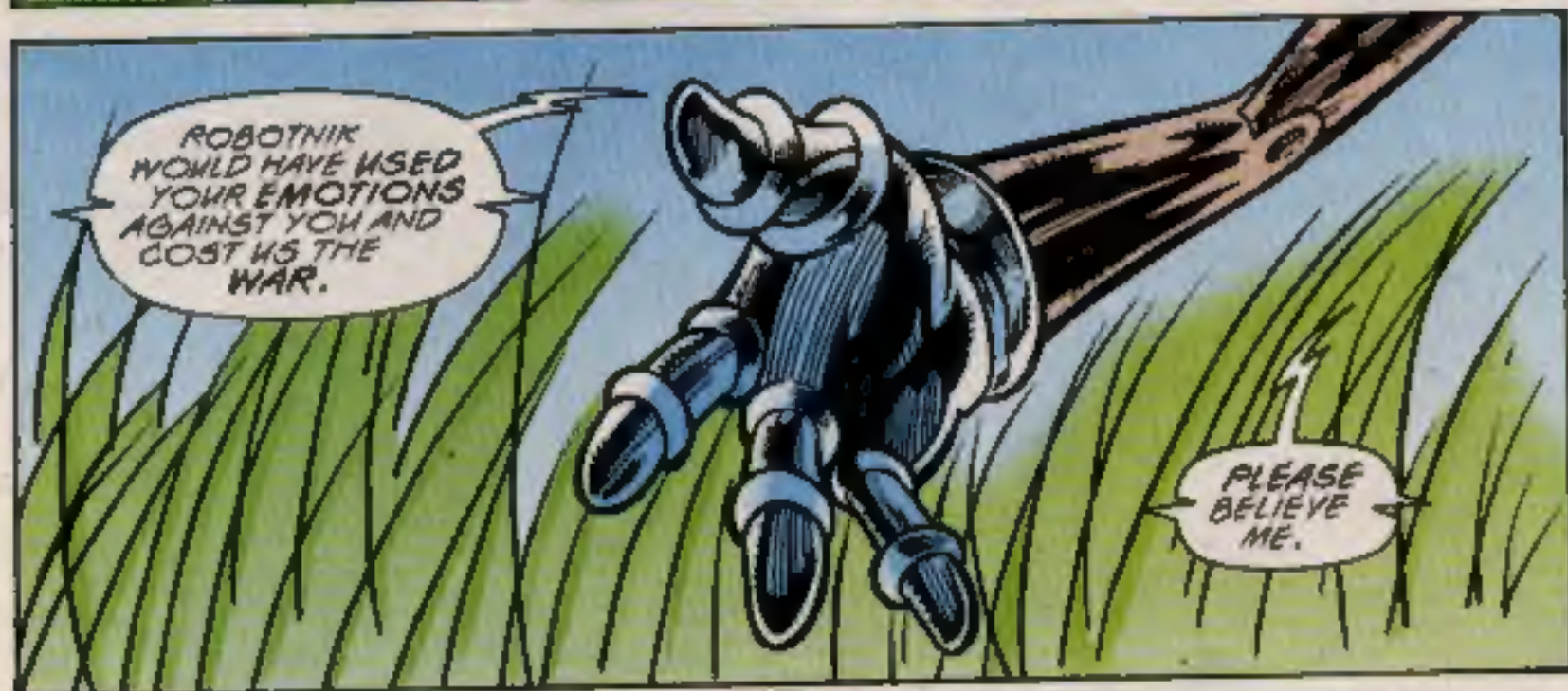
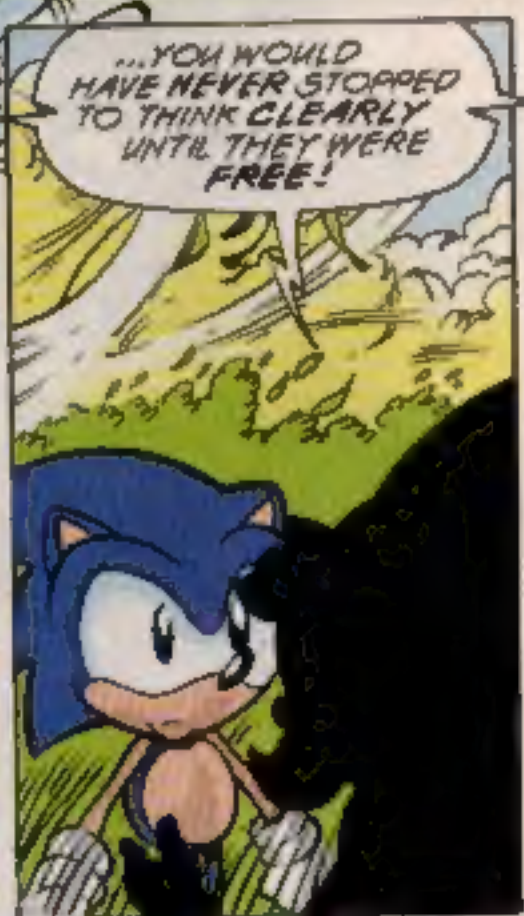
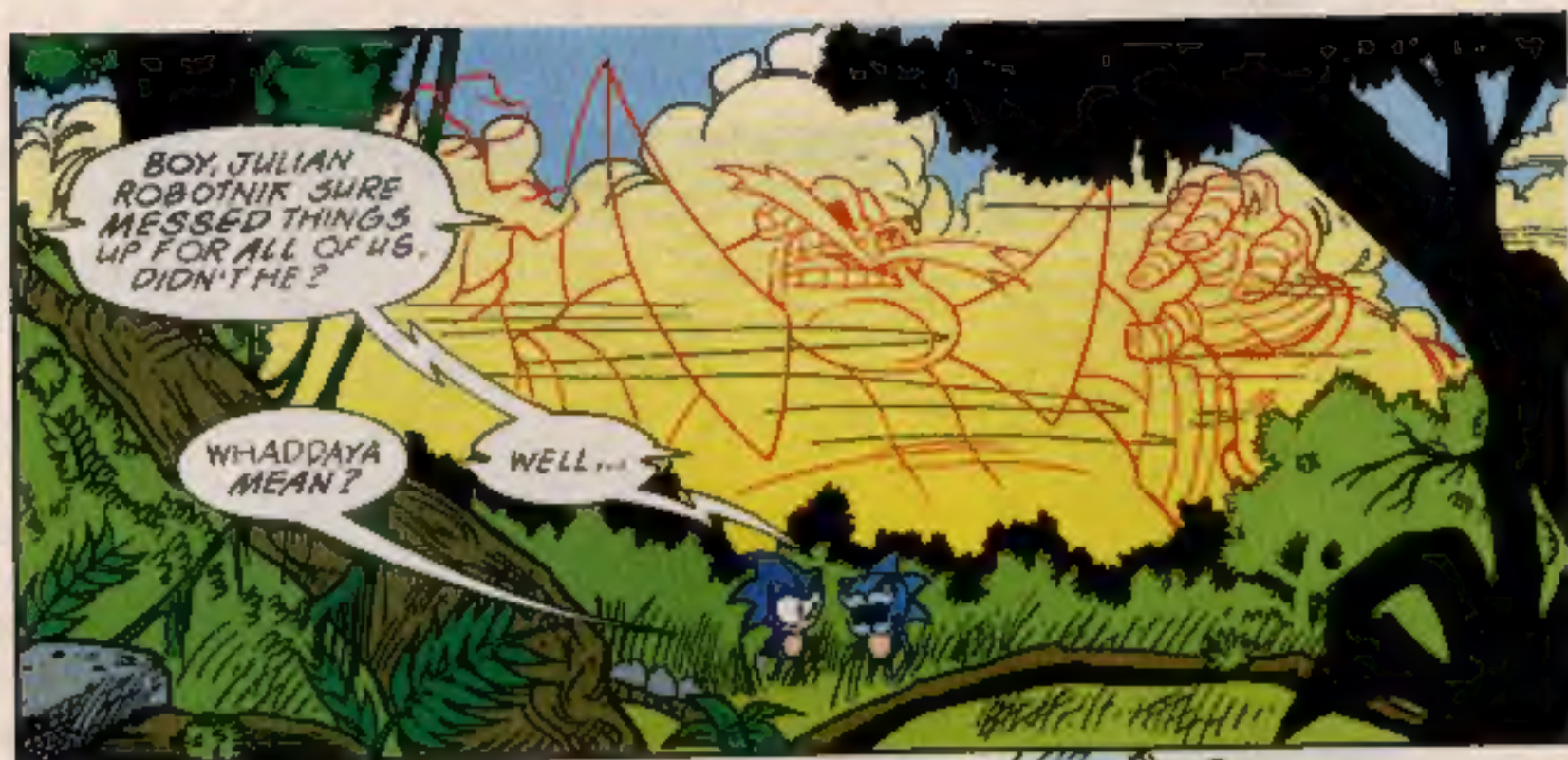
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THE EGGBOTS HAVE
ARRIVED!



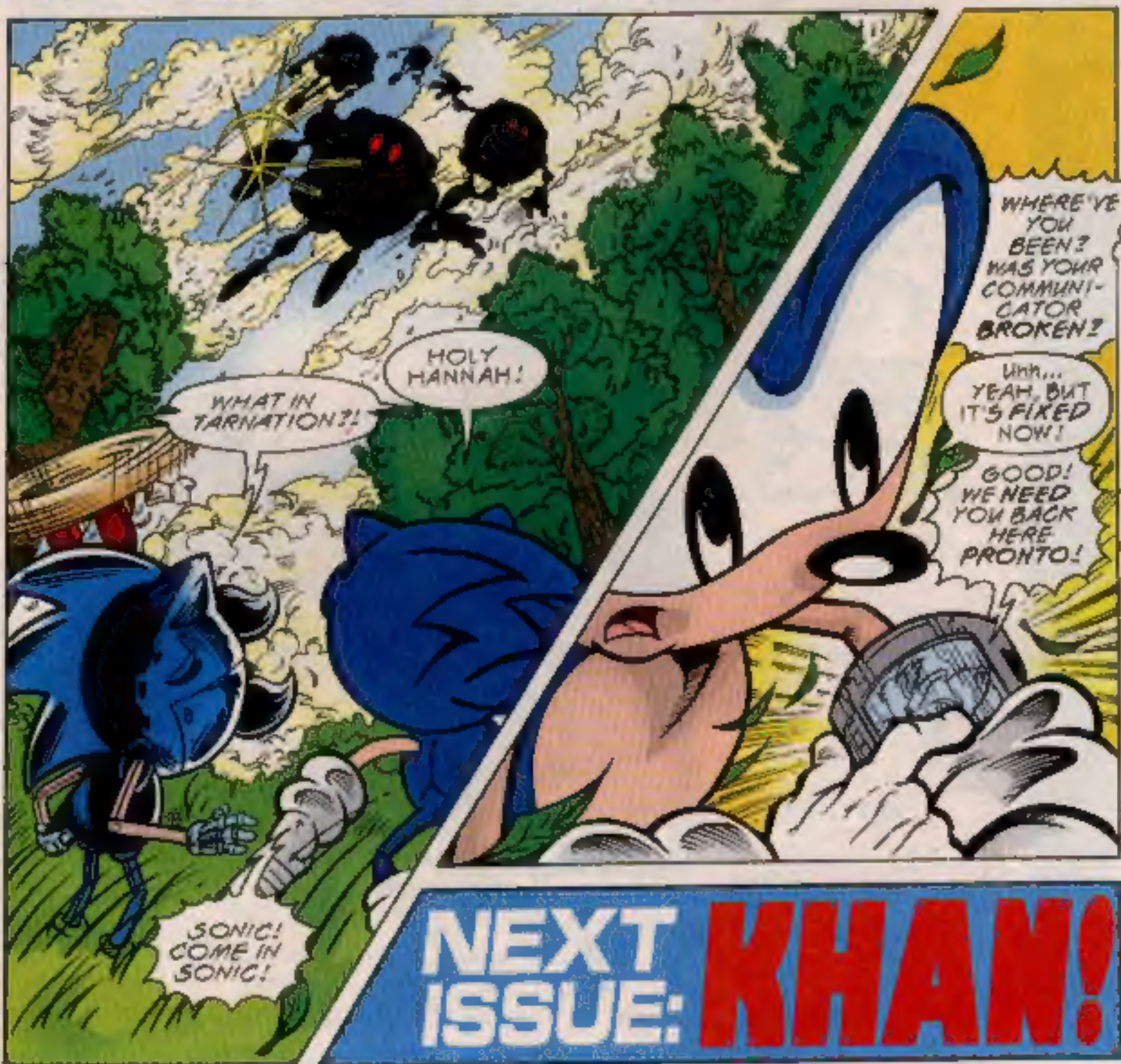
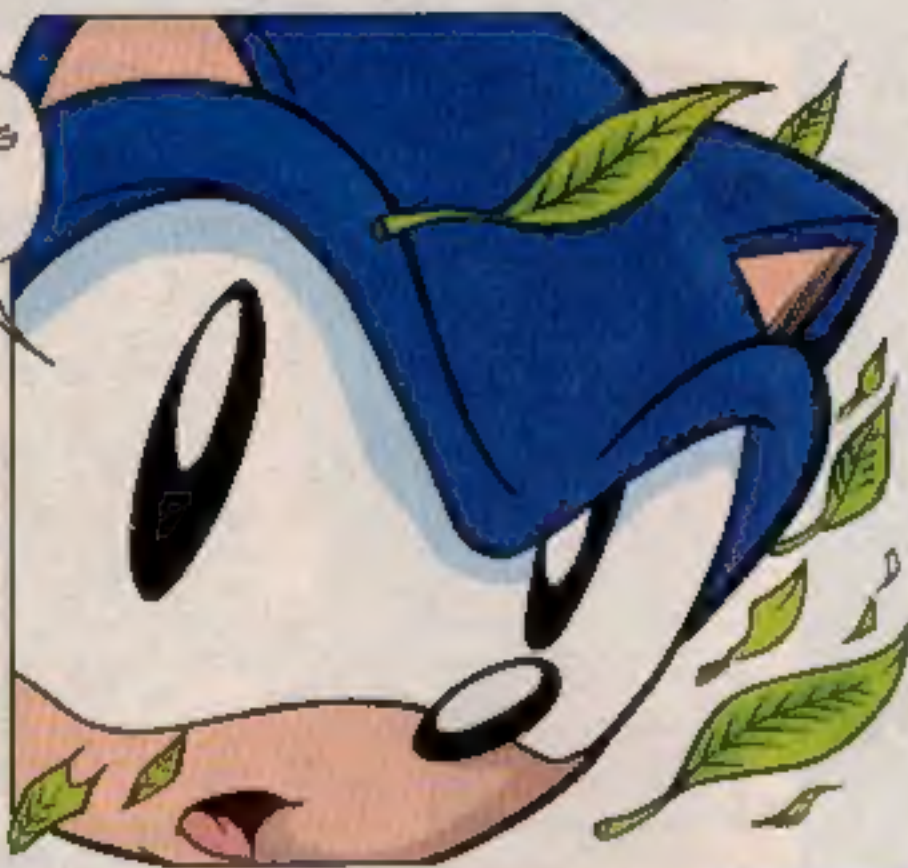
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THE WIZARD, IXIS NAUGUS!







SAY, WHY THE STRONG BREEZE ALL OF A SUDDEN?



WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? WAS YOUR COMMUNICATOR BROKEN?

Uhh... YEAH, BUT IT'S FIXED NOW!

GOOD! WE NEED YOU BACK HERE PRONTO!

NEXT ISSUE: **KHAN!**

SONIC-GRAMS

J. Freddy Galante
Editor

THIS JUST IN!

ONE MORE TIME!

IN ONE WEEK, IF YOU COULDN'T GET YOUR HANDS ON THE HARD-TO-FIND SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: FIRSTS BOOKSHELF, WE'RE GIVING YOU ONE MORE CHANCE. THAT CHANCE IS **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13: SONIC FIRSTS**. ON SALE IN NEWSSTANDS NOVEMBER 1997!

IN TWO WEEKS, ENERJAX TAKES KNUCKLES ON THE RIDE OF HIS LIFE. NO JOKE! CATCH THE SECOND PART OF DARK VENGEANCE IN **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #10**. STORY AND ART BY THE ENIG TEAM SUPREME OF PENDERS, GALAN AND PEPO! ON SALE NOVEMBER 1997!

AND NEXT MONTH: WHO SAYS THINGS ARE QUIET NOW THAT THERE IS PEACE ON MOBIUS? THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** ARE AT IT AGAIN. THIS TIME

AGAINST A NEW THREAT IN THE FORM OF **EGGBOYS**.

CONTROLLING THEM FROM BEHIND BARS IS NONE OTHER THAN **SNIVELY**. HE IS ON THE ATTACK AS HE MAKES HIS FIRST MOVE TOWARD SEEKING POWER. AND THAT POWER SHOWS UP IN THE FORM OF **MONKEY KHAM**, A CYBORG MONKEY CREATED BY **ROBOTNIK** YEARS AGO. IS HE FRIEND OR FOE? ONLY THIS STORY KNOWS FOR SURE. WRITER/PENCILER **FRANK STRON** CHRONICLES THIS TALE WITH INKS BY **KEN PENDERS**. ALSO IN THIS ISSUE: WHAT IS WRONG WITH **KING ACORN**? HE'S ORDERING THE DISMANTLING OF ALL ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS, INCLUDING **UNCLE CHUCK!** **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #155** ON SALE DECEMBER 1997!



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KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA #10
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CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

FREDDY



NIGHTS
INTO DREAMS #1
ON SALE DECEMBER 1997

P.S.: ALSO NEXT MONTH IS THE PREMIERE OF **NIGHTS INTO DREAMS**

#1 (BASED ON THE GAME BY SEGA SATURN). JOIN **ELLIOT** AND **CLARIS** AS THEY HELP **NIGHTS** STOP **WIZEMAN THE WICKED**, LORD OF NIGHTMARES FROM MAKING REALITY HIS OWN. THIS THREE-ISSUE MINISERIES IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY WRITER **DAN SLOTT**. WITH HIM ARE PENCILING SENSATIONS **PATRICK "SPAZ" SPAZIANTE** AND **MANNY GALAN**. INKING BY THE MAN THEY CALL **HARVO**. LOOK OUT FOR THOSE COMPUTER RENDERED COVERS BY THE **SPAZ/HARVO/HEROIC AGE TEAM**. FIND THE COUPON IN THIS ISSUE AND ORDER THIS EXCITING NEW MINISERIES TODAY! YOU WON'T REGRET IT! **NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #1** ON SALE DECEMBER 1997!



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NOTES: DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF EMAIL, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO REPLY PERSONALLY TO EACH AND EVERY MESSAGE. HOWEVER, YOUR OPINIONS ARE IMPORTANT TO US AND EACH MESSAGE WILL BE READ.
THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING

AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, WE GOT LOADS OF LETTERS ON ISSUE #47. LET'S READ SOME OF THOSE LETTERS NOW...

ER... UH... AHEN... DEAR (?) ANTOINE D'COLETTE,

I HOPE YOU KNOW I AM ONLY WRITING YOU BECAUSE MY FAVORITE BLUE 'EDGE'OG EES BEING "DETAINED." I LOVE 'IS STYLE. I AM ALSO LOVING 'IS WAY PAST COOL GAMES, CARTOON SHOW (THE ONE WITH KNOXHOLE FREEDOM FIGHTERS EEN EET), AND THE FANTASTIQUE COMICS. I AM ANOTHAIRE SPAL/MARVO FAN AND AM AN ARTIST MYSELF.

I DO 'XPM A FEW QUESTIONS: 1) HOW MANY EPISODES ARE THERE EEN LE SONIC CARTOON SERIES I AM LIRING VERY MUCH? 2) WAS SONIC FRAMED BY A CLONE, AUTOMATON, OR EVIL SONIC? 3) WHY ARE YOU BRAVEAR THAN YOUR CARTOON COUNTERPART? IN CASE YOU 'AHEN'T FIGURED EET OUT YET, I AM MOCKING YOU BY WRITING THEESE WAT. HAI I SAY, AND HAI! AGAIN!

HEATHER "SKETCH" SOLOMON
TOLEDO, OH

THAT ANTOINE IS A TRIP, ISN'T HE? ANSWERS: 1) THERE ARE 26 EPISODES IN ALL. 2) AS YOU KNOW BY NOW, HERSHEY FRAMED ME UNDER DRAGO'S DECEPTION. 3) ANTOINE ONLY GETS BRAVE WHEN IT COMES TO HIS FATHER'S HONOR. BEING WITH BUNNIE HAS HELPED AS WELL.

DEAR SONIC-GRAMS,

I JUST FINISHED READING ISSUE #47 AND AM I EVER SHOCKED! IS SONIC REALLY A CRIMINAL OR IS IT SOME CLEVER BUSE BY ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY. I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT IN "ENDGAME, PART TWO!"

NICK ACCURSO
HELENA, MT

ME A CRIMINAL? BITE YOUR TONGUE, MAN! THE HOG NEVER GOES BADI ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY REALLY GOT US GOOD THIS TIME. FORTUNATELY, IT BACKFIRE ON THEM. SCORE ONE MAJOR VICTORY FOR THE GOOD GUYS!

DEAR SONIC (NOT ANTOINE),

I FEEL VERY SORRY ABOUT THE WHOLE SALLY THING. I KNOW YOU DIDN'T DO IT. I MEAN, THE WHOLE MECHA COURT-MARTIAL WAS HARD ENOUGH ON YOU—AND NOW THIS? IF YOU WANT A TRAITOR, GO TO GEOFFREY ST. JOHN! I'D HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT I THINK ANTOINE'S RIGHT ABOUT HIM. DO ME A FAVOR AND GET ON DRAGO'S CASE FOR ME. WHEN THEY FIND OUT THAT YOU'RE INNOCENT, YOU SHOULDN'T COME BACK TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. YOU'VE SHOWED THEM PLENTY OF LOYALTY BUT THE FF HAVEN'T DONE THE SAME. ANOTHER THING, DON'T LET ANTOINE ANSWER THE LETTERS PAGE FOR YOU AGAIN. I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD HE WAS SAYING.

KATIE "CLAWS" DUDDO
SILVER SPRING, MD

HEY, LISTEN, I CAN FORGIVE THE FF FOR ANYTHING. I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY SAW IT THE WAY THEY DID. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT SALLY IS BACK AND THAT WE DIDN'T LET ROBOTNIK'S LITTLE TRICK DESTROY US. AS FAR AS ST. JOHN GOES, I DON'T THINK HE'S A TRAITOR—I JUST DON'T LIKE THE SKUNK. DRAGO IS ANOTHER STORY. AND DON'T WORRY, I PROMISE ANTOINE WILL NEVER ANSWER THE LETTERS PAGE AGAIN.

DEAR SONIC,

I'VE GOT TWO PIECES OF EVIDENCE THAT POINT THE MURDER OF PRINCESS SALLY AWAY FROM YOU. HERE'S A QUOTE FROM ROBOTNIK ON PAGE 13 OF STN #47. "WE TOOK CARE OF ONE ENEMY, SNIVELY—SO WHY NOT TWO?" ALSO NOTICE THAT THE HEDGEHOG ANTOINE SEES CUTTING THE ROPE IS NOT WEARING A BACKPACK WHEN OUR SONIC WAS WEARING ONE THROUGHOUT THE STORY.

SCOTT JONES
ROCKWOOD, PA

MAN, YOU ARE GOOD. I SHOULD HAVE HAD YOU AS MY LAWYER DURING MY COURT-MARTIAL. I THANK EVERYONE WHO BELIEVED IN ME AND DIDN'T GIVE UP HOPE THAT I WOULD WORK HARD TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT AGAIN.



WOLZUP SONIC?

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH KING ACORN? WHY DOES HE THINK SONIC'S A TRAITOR WHEN HE WAS THE ONE WHO HELPED HIS MIND FROM CRYSTALLIZING IN STN #43? WHY WASN'T SALLY INFORMED OF HER FATHER'S RECOVERY? IS KING ACORN A "WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING" WHILE THE "REAL" KING ACORN IS IN THE HANDS OF ROBOTNIK OR SOMETHING MISCHIEVOUS LIKE THAT?

AGENT LYRIC 007 THE ECHIDNOC
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CORRECT-A-MUNDO!!!

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I LOVE YOUR BOOKS. DO YOU THINK WE COULD SEE A BOOK WHERE SONIC AND ROBOTNIK GO ONE-ON-ONE, LIKE WITH BOXING GLOVES OR SOMETHING?

DOUG BARNES
HONOLULU@TELEVAR.COM

THAT SOMETHING WAS IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50. HOPE YOU DIDN'T MISS IT!!!

**UNTIL
NEXT
MONTH,
KEEP
ON
JUICIN'!**